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After Windsor, Vienna: another great European landmark goes up in flames



Palace ballrooms destroyed

Hofburg

COINCIDENCE carries nore conviction than conspiracy, none the less compari-sons were inevitable as the Hofburg Palace in Vienna burned yesterday. Wisps of smoke rose from the shell of the castle, the imposing 18th djoining halls, once imperial balirooms and now the venue for talks on European security and arms control. They were reduced to tinder.

"It's a catastrophe, a cataslamented Degasperi, an artist, as he watched firefighters battle the blaze. "It's a piece of my heart that is burning," said his wife Theresa said, her eves brimming with tears.

More than 400 policemen chain to bring part of the 196,000 national library colalready gnawing at the roof of the National Library next door, where the Fischer von Erlach reading room is one of Vienna's architectural trea-

The fire was in the confersigned the 1979 Salt-II arms treaty, and which is currently ations and by the Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe talks. The Spanish Riding School was badly dam-

art appear to have been lost. The other threatened building was the Lippizaner stable complex a 15th century architectural jewel connected to archway over the road. As suffocating smoke began to fill the stables where the 69 priceless Lippizaner stallions Continued on page 2, col 7

to ease abortion

European Community. In a fundamental change to constitutional law, which prolife groups fear could herald

support the proposals.
It was also clear that the key proposal on abortion has been defeated again by about two to one. The government, led by Albert Reynolds, had proposed that abortion should be available in limited circumstances where there is a substantial risk to the life as

The defeat on the main issue reflects the opposition to it from the pro-life lobby. which saw it as opening the door to abortion on demand, and from liberal opinion, which believed that the terms were too restrictive and should have included the risk of suicide as a ground for termination.

The counting of votes will be completed today. If a coalition dominated by Labour and Fine Gael is set up, as looks likely, a more liberal approach to abortion in the form of legislation is on the cards.

Irish vote rules on

By EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE people of Ireland have voted by majorities of two to one in favour of allowing women to travel abroad for abortions, and have access to information on abortion services available elsewhere in the

the beginning of the end for the overall ban on abortion. large majorities in constituencies across the country voted to

opposed to the health of the mother.

Labour advances, page 2 Conor Cruise O'Brien, 14

London stock market continued their record-breaking run, ending the twoweek trading account at an all-time high. The FT-SE 100 index closed last night at a new peak of 2,760.1. Traders said the rally

was prompted by an open-ing rise of more than 26 points in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street following the re-sumption of business after Thursday's Thanksgiving day celebrations.

The surge on Wall Street, which lifted the London market to a record high, came after official US figures showed the biggest jump in personal incomes for almost a year and another substantial rise in consumer spending. In Dublin, Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, is to hold a cabinet meeting today to discuss the pressure on the punt, the market's prime target for devaluation. Dealers expect it to be devalued by

BY TOM WALKER AND PHILIP WEESTER

BRITAIN was last night ac-cused of widening the gulf between the rich and poor countries of Europe after a day of talks in Brussels failed to break the deadlock over the EC's future spending.

The poorer countries roundly condemned British plans to rein in spending, which were described by Jacques Delors as betraying the spirit of Maas-tricht. But Britain found support from the northern states that have to contribute most to EC spending.

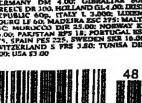
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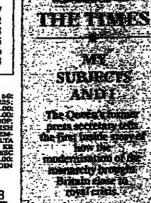
The dispute will now be left for the Edinburgh summit along with the vexed issue of Britain's budget rebate, adding to the already heavy burden on a British presidency trying to salvage some tangible achievement from next

month's gathering.
Douglas Hurd insisted that the summit would be a sucthe summit would be a suc-cess, saying it would be crowned with the twin achievements of an agreement on trade and the completion of the single market. "They will be very big achievements for Europe." But behind this

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Leading articles....





John Major will chair the summit of the European Community in Edinburgh next month with Britain facing the charge of fomenting a north-south economic divide within Europe

brave presidential gloss, Britain's partners were angry and divided after yesterday's meeting of Community foreign and finance ministers. "We have wasted all day talking about the budget proposals and we've got nowhere." Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish

foreign minister, said. Britain wants to slim down M Delors' plans to boost the EC budget so that it would increase to £60.5 billion rather than £64.5 billion by the end of the century. That would leave the poor countries with less money — reducing the "cohesion fund" from £12 billion under the Delors approach to £9.8 billion.

The Spanish finance minister, Carlos Solchaga, spoke for his own county, Ireland, Greece and Portugal when he dismissed the Braish proposals as no basis for discussion.

"It is no use for today, and no use for the Edinburgh summit," he said. France, anxious to win allies in the dispute over farm subsidies, also joined the voices ranged against Britain, insisting that it supported the "Delors 2" package. "We are committed to it in Maastricht and we will not change our position," Elisabeth Guigou, minister for Europe, said. M Delots meanwhile warned the presidency that it was committing a "serious political error"

in restricting financing, say-ing that funds for overseas aid, research and for helping in-dustrial areas would be But Norman Lamont said

that both Germany and The Netherlands had backed the presidency's budget proposals, which envisage freezing con-tributions at 1.2 per cent of gross domestic product for

three years from January. John Major also won a sympathetic hearing during talks with the Italian prime minister, Giuliano Amato in Rome. Signor Amato said afterwards: The EC presidency is faced with a plurality of positions and is trying to reach a compromise, something that

we believe is possible."

M Delors' spokesmen believed that a compromise suggested by Luxembourg setting a ceiling for contributions at 1.29 per cent of GDP after a two-year freeze would lose Britain her allies in Edinburgh. "In the end you'll see these countries that appear to back Britain going for a compromise nearer M Delors'

Britain also came under fire yesterday for insisting that its £1.9 billion budget rebate was not negotiable. Horst Köhler, the German finance minister, said that whether it liked it or not, Britain would have to accept that the rebate would form part of a negotiated compromise over the EC budget at Edinburgh.

Leading article, page 15 Tight rein, page 20

Somali leader backs US offer

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

GENERAL Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the most powerful of Somalia's three warlords, in a surprise move last night welcomed the proposed de-ployment of American forces to protect aid distribution.

General Aidid was highly critical of the role of the United Nations in Somalia. Speaking at a press conference, he sted that any intervention by Washington must be under an American flag and not part of a UN force.

But Washington confirmed yesterday that its provision of an infantry division of 15,000-20,000 troops to help the starving in Somalia, was on condition that it should be

and led by an American officer. With contributions from other countries, the number of troops could approach 30,000. The structure of the operation would be reminiscent of the US-led force that fought the Korean war under a UN flag. In the Gulf war, the allies each fought under their

own colours. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the UN secretary-general, is con-sidering the US offer and early next week will propose options for ensuring the delivery of aid to Somalia. The UN Security Council will then decide what action to take. About 300,000 people have died in Somalia

deployed under the UN flag since the collapse of law and and led by an American order after the overthrow of officer. With contributions President Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991.

In the first stage of the

operation, lasting between two to four months, a US-led force would mount a huge show of force to secure the port of Mogadishu, food distribution points, landing strips and supply routes. That force would then be replaced by a smaller UN force, excluding US troops, who would continue to funnel aid to the needy. Finally, the job would be turned over to Somali guards and police who would protect relief supplies until a functioning government was in place.

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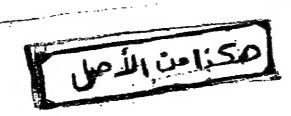
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REVENUE NEWS IN BRIEF.

ITN shareholders approve takeover

ITN shareholders have unanimously approved a £30 million takeover by a consortium led by Michael Green's Carlton Communications (Melinda Wittstock writes). The new owners, which include Reuters, LWT, Granada Television and Central, will not take over until early next year after a lengthy due-diligence period. Completion of the deal also rests on assurances that ITN's editorial and operational independence will be safeguarded.

ITN senior management welcomed the deal last night, saying that it would end the uncertainty about the company's ownership, created by government legislation requiring ITV company shareholders to sell off 51 per cent of their holdings.

The consortium won the support of shareholders after coming back last week with an improved offer. The three ITV companies that lost their franchises—Thames, TVS and TSW—all accepted £14 a share in compensation. The original terms of £1 a share apply to all others.

Forest expansion

Proposals to restore and enlarge Scotland's native pine woods were announced yesterday by Forest Enterprise, the Forestry Commission management arm. The commission, which manages 7,500 acres, about one quarter of what remains of Scotland's ancient forests, hopes to designate more than 30,000 acres and to double the core area by the year 2000. Graham Hamilton, regional director, said: "The initiative recognises the significance of native pinewoods as natural resources for environmental education."

Mental care demand

A big expansion in hospital beds for mentally disordered offenders is recommended in a government report. It says that their number should be more than doubled to accommodate the hundreds of prisoners in need of psychiatric care. Only 600 beds are currently provided by the National Health Service in medium-secure hospital units. The final report of a joint Home Office-Health department review says that these should be increased to at least 1,500.

Player's timely signing



A link with Paul Gascoigne, left, raised the value of a humble Swatch watch from about £50 to £940 at Bonhams yesterday when a fan acquired a waterproof example whose yellow strap had been signed by the footballer.

A Swatch enhanced by the signature of the pop singer Elton John fetched £910. One signed by the designer Giorgio Armani made £710. Proceeds will go to charity.

Gangster given 14 years

A man said to be one of Britain's top gangsters, suspected of running a huge crime empire with international links, was jailed for 14 years yesterday. Joseph Pyle, 56, of Morden, south London, a self-styled film executive, was convicted of plotting to supply heroin and of supplying opium and morphine sulphate. Peter Gillet, 32, adopted son of Reggie Kray, was jailed for eight years for supplying opium and morphine sulphate. Frank Tyson, 62, a former sailor, was jailed for eight years for the same offence.

Tourists flock back

Board nine-month survey.

The number of tourists visiting Britain is rising and by the end of the year is expected to exceed the numbers in 1990 before the Gulf war. Almost 17 million visitors spent £7 billion in Britain last year, the British Tourist Authority said. This year that is expected to rise by \$ per cent.

Visitors to Northern Ireland, mainly from Britain and North America, are expected to increase by 4.6 per cent to a record 1.24 million, according to a Northern Ireland Tourist

Election gains have brought Labour in from the sidelines

Pressure on Spring to form Dail coalition

By Edward Gorman, Ireland correspondent

THE overwhelming pressure on Ireland's Labour Party to form a coalition government was acknowledged yesterday by Dick Spring, leader of the party, which made the most impressive gains in the Irish general election.

Mr Spring, who before the vote had been keen to remain in opposition, expressed his desire to be prime minister. Speaking in his North Kerry constituency, the Labour leader said: "If you look at the figures there's already a very strong mandate for me seeking the office of Taoiseach and I will pursue that. The Labour Party has arrived in main-stream politics."

With a number of rural constituencies still to complete the elaborate task of counting under the single transferable vote system, Labour looked set to end up with between 30 and 32 seats, at least 14 up on the last Dail and reflecting a national swing in its favour of 18 per cent.

The gloom for Fianna Fail and Fine Gael continued, with the former estimated to have about 72 seats (down five) and the latter, around 48 (down seven). Both parties suffered a swing against them of about 5 per cent.

per cent.

The Progressive Democrat vote continued to hold up well, with the party expected to finish up two seats at eight, including one in Dublin South East for Michael McDowell, its chairman.

The mathematics, with five independents expected to be returned, make a Fianna Fáil/PD coalition assisted by independents a theoretical possibility, but still very unlikely given the circumstances of the break up of the last government.

Most observers predicted the so-called Rainbow Coalition of Labour. Fine Gael and the PDs will now have irresistible force behind it, pushing Fianna Fáil into opposition and throwing into doubt the future of Albert Reynolds, the party leader and current Taoiseach.

The first task of the coalition will be to seek the leadership.

Taoseach.

The first task of the coalition will be to solve the leadership issue and its future stability will be gauged by how smoothly this is achieved. John Bruton of Fine Gael has consistently claimed he will lead the next government, a point he reiterated yesterday, but his party's failure to improve its standing puts him in a weak position compared with Mr Spring.

Mr Bruton's chances were not assisted by Austin Currie, the former SDLP MP in Northern Ireland, who was returned for Fine Gael in Dublin West and immediately suggested Mr Bruton should stand aside and let the Labour leader, take charge of the

"It's based on the clear choice of the people for change and I think the Labour Party and Dick Spring, in particular, has to respond to that desire for change," Mr Currie said.

His views, which could signal the beginning of a move from within the party to dump Mr Bruton, outraged some of his colleagues. One accused Mr Currie on national radio of treachery against the party and its leader.

The negotiations on the new government will begin in earnest next week after the Labour Party has met to consider its options.

Abortion victory, page 1



Ex-rugby player emerges with ball from election ruck

THE dramatic success of the Labour party in the Irish election is a reflection of the popularity and ability of its leader, Dick Spring (Edward Gorman writes).

For several years it has been evident that Mr Spring has been the real leader of the opposition in the Dáil, despite having only 15 deputies behind him, compared to Fine Gael's 55. His incisive performances on many of the most important issues made Fine Gael, under Alan Dukes and later John Bruton, appear an almost irrelevant force.

Mr Spring, a 42-year-old barrister from Tralee, co. Kerry, showed his mettle on the first day of the last Dailwhen he was the first to point out that Charles Hanghey, then Taoiseach, could not remain in office and would have to formally resign, pending a new coalition. After a two-hour adjournment, Mr Hanghey duly accepted Mr Spring's view. He was then the first party leader to suggest that the Anglo-Irish agreement be suspended for the duration of inter-party talks in Northern Ireland, another proposal accepted by

He employed devastating rhetoric against Mr Haughey, whom he accused of being a cancer at the heart of the Irish

body politic. His incessant attacks undoubted assisted in Albert Reynolds's accession to the Flanna Fail leadership. Mr Spring's greatest achlevement was masterminding

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the victory of Mary Robinson, Labour's nominated candidate, in the last presidential election. She stunned Flama Fail by snatching victory from Brian Lenihan, the former defence minister.

Mrs Robinson won with votes from across the spectrum. Her victory also symbolised the triumph of a moderate left in a country struggling against poverty and unemployment. It was taken by Mr Spring as the first sign of a decisive move away from the old civil war parties of the right, and it provided him with a platform in this election which he has

exploited skilfully.

His success has not come overnight. Rather like Neil Kinnock, he has worked hard to rescue his party from the extreme left, expelling militants, restructuring the organisation and moving it into the centre.

the centre.
Coalition with Fine Gael in
the 1980s, when Mr Spring

was deputy prime minister, left a deep scar. There are still many in the party, particularity on the left, who believe Labour should remain in opposition rather than risk another compromise.

This time Labour's price

will include its principal campaign pledge to increase exchequer borrowing sharply, ending privatisation and policies to boost the semi-state sector. A national social and economic forum on jobs will also be a high priority. Mr Spring is a former

Mr Spring is a former rugby international, educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He was elected to the Dáil for the first time in June 1981.

Council tax price 'is worse services'

By RACHEL KELLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT half of all households will find their council tax bills are lower than their poll tax bills because of strict capping on council spending, according to government figures released this week. But the financial gain for households will have to be offset by poorer council services, the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authority said last

night.

Martin Pilgrim, the association's finance under-secretary, said: "Council tax figures are not going to go through the roof. People living in properties in bands A to D, worth up to £88,000, are likely to have lower bills than the poll tax if they live in multi-occupation households." The trade-off would be cuts in services, he

said.
"The government has not given councils a choice, because if they spend more the government will cap them."

An estimated 3.5 million households with bills higher than the poll tax will benefit from transitional relief to ensure that no household is more than £182 worse off. Mr Pilgrim said this relief would last only two years. "At some stage, those in band H properties, worth more than £320,000, will be paying about £1,000 in today's terms, and services will have been

cut." he said.

The worst hit boroughs will be in outer London where there are many high-cost homes. Mr Pilgrim said.

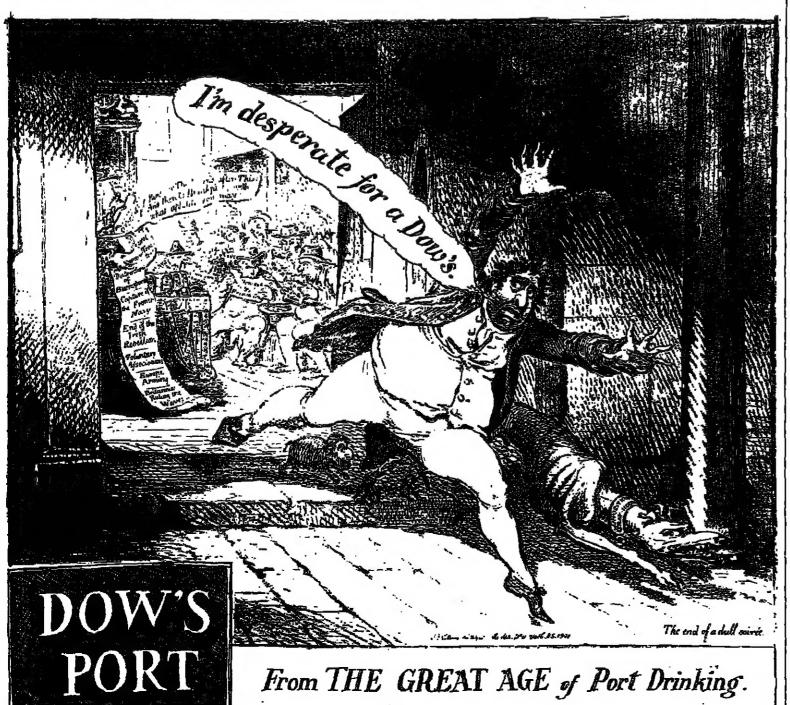
homes. Mr Pilgrim said.
Councils were working out preliminary budget and council tax figures yesterday, although actual budgets will not be fixed until early next year. One of the councils' hardest calculations will be the estimate for levels of non-collection.

Cumbris County Council, which has a Labour chairman with Liberal support, estimates it will have to raise about £80 million from the council tax.

This means a tax for Band D properties of about £570, including district council tax bills. The figure compares with an average poll tax bill of

☐ Labour voiced fears yester-

day that more than 45,000 local authority jobs could be lost next year as a result of local government spending curbs (Arthur Leathley writes). Jack Straw, shadow environment secretary, told the Commons that 45,000 jobs had been lost last year "when the financial regime was in fact less harsh than it will be next year." He said financial regulations on local authorities were "without parallel in Europe and the western industrialised world".



Off-licence apologises to Lamont

By JELL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE wine store involved in the dispute over Norman Lamont's personal finances changed its story last night and apologised to the Chancellor.

The Threshers Group said it agreed with the Treasury's version of events that Mr Lamont had bought three bottles of wine on Sunday, November 15. This contradicted comments by a shop assistant at one of its offlicences in Praed Street, west London, who told reporters that the Chancellor had bought champagne and cigarettes, using his Access card, on November 16.

Threshers said last night that the Chancellor had visited one of the stores on the Sunday, but not the one in Praed Street: "Threshers has now completed its investigations and we can confirm the statement issued by the Treasury. The Chancellor did make a purchase in one of our stores on Sunday, November 15. He purchased three bottles of wine using his credit card." He did not buy anything the following day.

thing the following day.

In Brussels, the Chancellor said that the shop had withdrawn the allegations. Threshers later apologised for any embarrassment caused to Mr Lamont.

Mr Lamont.

The admission followed a frantic day at the Praed Street off-licence, where a team had been sent from head office to read hundreds of transactions on the till rolls. John Onanuga, the sales assistant who had spoken to the press about the Chancellor's visit, had taken the day off.

Hofburg palace goes up in flames

Confinued from page I were standing, the stable boys opened the back doors and drove them out into the street. Blow though it was to Austrian national pride, the damage could have been far worse had a smoke alarm not warned firemen of the blaze. Parallels to the Windsor Castle fire were quickly pointed out. Blame was initially placed on restoration work — until the manager of the Holburg estate denied that any such work was taking place. The building is not insured.

"The fire destroyed a priceless part of Austria's cultural heritage." Wolfgang Schuessel, the finance minister, said, vowing to seek government funds for immediate rebuilding work.

When the Lippizaner horses

were led away, many young Viennese and some foreigners, making their way bome from bars and nightclubs, were coopted as willing volunteers. Using belts and scarves, they led the nervous animals through deserted streets to the Volksgarten park. There, the horses contentedly munched the roses until, late in the morning, they were able to return to their comfortable if acrid stall. The horses are valued at up to £1 million each.

The Hofburg management said later that 4 per cent of the total area of the palace complex had been destroyed by the fire. The earliest Hofburg buildings date from the 11th and 12th centuries, after which each reigning member of the prolific Habsburg family appears to have added a new wing. The complex accommodates museums, galleries, the presidential offices, chapels — including one housing the hearts of the Habsburg

family — and many more conference rooms. There are also grace and favour apartments, which were evacuated. The only injury reported was that of a woman who lost her two front teath when a

The destruction of the Redoutensaal, built by Empress Maria Theresa under the Austro-Hungarian empire, stunned the Vienna diplomatic community, many of whom were well acquainted with its high-ceilinged, late-baroque interior.

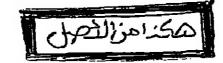
nervous Lippizaner kicked

President Carter, the former American president, and Leonid Brezhnev, then Soviet leader, sealed the strategic arms limitation accord (Salt-II) with a brotherly kiss in the Redoutensaal on June 18, 1979. It began playing host to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) in 1986. Scheduled (CSCE talks on the conflict in the former Soviet republic of Nagotno-Karabakh had to be moved to temporary premises.

CORRECTORS

The charge faced by PC Paul Hutchins, of East Molesey, Surrey, is of attempting to murder his wife and not, as wrongly reported in later editions of November 25, murder. We apologise for the

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital was not, as reported on July 21, implicated in a Winchester High Court case in which a child was awarded £150,000 damages against Wessex Regional Health Authority.



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Trickle-down effect: Aaron Delany, 8, right, taking advantage yesterday of the recent rainfall that has brought water back to the river Ver at Shafford Mill. near St Albans, Hertfordshire. The drought of the past few years had dried out the river bed, left, in March this year (Robin Young writes).

Paul Barnes, owner of the milloond. nid yesterday: "I first heard water trickling over the stuice gate on Thursday night. Now there is quite a good depth for the first time for a year." Above Shafford Mill, parts of the

river bed remain dry. Jill Harper, of the National Rivers Authority, said: "While the recent rainfall has begun to improve the water levels, there is still a shortfall in certain areas and we have four years' deficit to make up. We have now had three months of above-average rainfall, but we still need it to continue for the rest of the winter if the river is continue flowing next year."

The reappearance of water at Shafford, albeit principally surface drainage and now spring water from the aquifer, owes nothing yet to the £2.5 million scheme which is to end extraction by the Friars Wash pumping station higher up the Ver valley. Since 1953, Friars Wash has been pumping water from the valley to supply Luton.

Under pressure from the Ver Valley Society, the Lee Valley Water Company and the NRA agreed to build new pipelines to bring water to Luton and Dunstable from the Grafham reservoir near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. The scheme will not come into operation until March at the earliest.

Miss Harper said: "We have always said that low-flow rivers like the Ver would be at risk in time of rain or of drought, because over-extraction has been the problem. The Ver would be a low-flow river even if we had never had a drought. The reappearance of water does not mean that the work on the new pipelines was unnecessary. Lee Valley Water said: "The recent

weather has just begun to recharge the does not continue the aquifer will still be very low. We hope that, when our new

supplies for Luton come on tap in the spring, we will have removed one of the problems which has contributed to the Ver's difficulties."

The women's eight from University College, Oxford, had to swim ashore as their boat was swept towards a weir in the flood-swollen Thames on Thursday. The bow and stern were torn off the boat when it was caught on the bank during training at Osney lock.

New BBC director-general breaks 'Trappist' silence

Birt rejects Lenin label to pledge open management

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Birt hit back at his tormentors yesterday, denying charges levelled over the past two years that he was a "Trappist monk" intent on stifling creativity by instituting "pseudo-Leninist" centralised control as the BBC's new director-general.

Able to speak freely for the first time since his appointment as Sir Michael Checkland's successor was announced 16 months ago, Mr Birt finally defended himself against a barrage of criticism from broadcasters both within and outside the BBC - particularly from Michael Grade, the Channel 4 chief executive. Admitting that BBC staff

had been "unnerved" by uncertainty caused by the unusually long handover period, Mr decentralised management style to expand the "creative space" in which talent can

The BBC would now be "a much happier place to work" because of the Producer Choice internal market reforms, he said. These will allow producers to choose whether to buy resources such as studio facilities in-house or from commercial rivals.

The BBC is going through a revolution, which is essential and entirely healthy. If you're in a self-contained unit with your purposes clear and you have infinitely more freedom to determine how you spend your money on resources and

After 16 months of being unable to answer his critics, the corporation's new head reveals his plans for its staff

leash enormous creativity and enterprise within the organisation."

Mr Birt promised to listen to his staff and involve them in important decisions involving renewal of the BBC's royal charter in 1996. "I'd like to encourage everyone in the BBC to speak openly. I want to see a much more participative approach to a lot our problems." he said.

Turning to people who had attacked him for adopting a centralised approach to man-agement. Mr Birt said: They're wrong They misun-derstand the difference be-Producer Choice involves a profound decentralisation. I'm a decentraliser, not a centraliser. But what I don't believe in is anarchy.

The role of the centre is to forge strategy, define policy and ensure effective oversight. But that strategy has got to be collaborative. If you don't collaborate, your ideas are not robust enough and haven't been tested enough by dia-logue. I always welcome, hugely enjoy and will always encourage dialogue.

"But I am a strategist. I do believe that you have got to be clear what code of principles you work by."

Giving his first interviews

from since his appointment, Mr Birt said he had not felt free to speak openly before. "I took the view at the very beginning that the BBC could only have one director-general at the time and I did not in any way want to undermine Michael.

"I remain convinced that

MORE THAN 20 new spe-

cies and sub-species of grass-

hopper have been discovered

by two British scientists after

a decade's painstaking detec-

tive work in the dusty collec-tions of up to 20 universities

and museums in Europe and

The two scientists have

received up to 4,000 grass-

hopper specimens through the mail from institutions in

Vienna and Paris as well as the British and Natural Hist-

Some of the new species have lain unidentified in drawers and cabinets for

nearly a 100 years after being

collected by colonial entomol-

ogists and explorers. Others

are the result of more recent

field trips to countries like

The new grasshopper species have been identified by

Lincoln Fishpool and George Popov of the Natural Re-

sources Institute in Chatham,

Kent, which is funded by the

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Birt: promise of creative space

was the right thing to do," he have encouraged even more Kremlinology and people would have looked for differences and shades of meaning to indicate differences of emphasis that truly have not been

Mr Birt said the BBC had "paid a bit of a price" for not being able to publish its longawaited blueprint for survival into the 21st century until Thursday. It had been at-tacked for not going ahead with the document, which promised "distinctive" and pioneering" output catering to all parts of the audience and reflecting the diversity of British culture, until after the government had published its

Critics thought that the BBC rather than the government should have set the agenda for the corporation's future, but Mr Birt was unrepentant: "It was the right course of action. The government gave a hucid delineation of all the basic questions the BBC and every-

published our document six months ago, people would have long forgotten what we had to say and we would have had to start all over again by putting out another document. But for a very long time we were unable to say exactly what we had in mind."

Turning to claims by Mr Grade that he had adopted a policy of "political appease-ment", Mr Birt said there had been no "collusion" with the Tories, "What there has been is dialogue, but we've kept good lines of communication open, not just with the government but with all sides."

Asked whether he thought the green paper's support for the licence fee had meant the BBC had now secured its future as a major public service broadcaster, he said: "We haven't been complacent

we're not going to start now." Mindful that no one in ITV took proposals for a blind-bid auction for franchises seriously until it was too late, Mr Birt promised that the BBC would not make the same mistake.

"ITV was not ready for the debate when it came. People said it was all about the government, but the questions it asked were reasonable. ITV was thought to be sluggish. inefficient, wasteful and to have restrictive practices," he "When the moment came it

showed itself completely unable to address those questions. We're not going to make that mistake." Considerable unease still ex-

ists within the corporation about an expected management reorganisation in which Mr Birt will oust all his executive opponents, particularly David Hatch, managing director of network radio. "I have nothing to say about this," Mr Birt said.

Gynaecologist 'claiming a bizarre effect on women'

By a Staff Reporter

A HARLEY Street gynaecologist accused of rape and indecent assault, had "a most bizarre effect on women" according to his own account of events, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The evidence during the Dr Thomas Couriney's trial on four sex attack charges was "extraordinary", Richard Horwell, for the prosecution. said on the eighth day of the

Dr Courtney had suggested that one woman, Miss A, "a complete stranger, was content and happy to remove her clothes, consented and obviously enjoyed sexual intercourse with him", Mr Horwell said. "On Dr Courtney's account, he really has the most bizarre effect on women imaginable." Dr Courtney denied having any sexual contact with the second alleged rape victim. Mr Horwell said: "A sugges tion put forward is that he had the enormous misfortune to invite her, Miss B, to his flat on the very night she had an epileptic fit, or had fantasised about him having sexual intercourse with her." The prosecution said the

doctor tried to set himself up as a sort of pioneer" dealing with pregnant women facing problems associated with drug addiction or Aids. He had made claims he was unable to justify, Mr Horwell said. Dr Courtney, 46,

Cricklewood, north London, denies raping two women and indecently assaulting two

Anthony Arlidge QC, for the defence, said it was most unlikely that a middle-aged gynaecologist would suddenly go off the rails" and indecently attack four women in his consulting rooms. All the women had consented to indulge in sexual activities and neither of the alleged rape victims could provide corroboration, he said. Both had failed to complain until months later. What the two women told the jury was completely untrue, Mr Arlidge

He told the jury they might not approve of Dr Courtney's behaviour with women outside his marriage, but they were not in a court of morals. The trial continues on

Germans save Oxford research

BY ALISON ROBERTS ARTS REPORTER

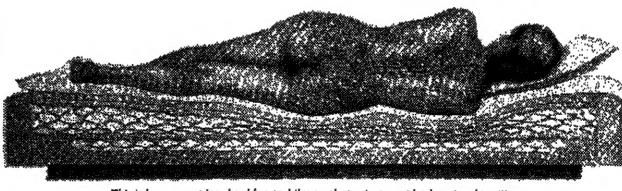
grant from the Culture Foundation of the German Federal States is enabling Oxford scholars to dig for literary treasure in the Bodleian Library, the secondlargest library in England. The DM200,000 (£83,000)

grant will allow scholars to continue cataloguing the Bodleian's oldest books, begun without sufficient fund-ing in January and expected to take about 12 years.

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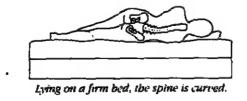
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THE SUNDAY TIMES The Queen's worst week

The fire at Windsor Castle started the worst week of the Queen's life. It was a week that changed royal history. in a few hours, a mood of public sympathy changed to



for understanding in a difficult year. But the crisis deepened until finally it was announced the monarchy would pay tax

Tomorrow, read a full analysis of the Queen's most troubled week ever - in the paper you would expect to make sense of it all. The Sunday Times is the Sunday papers

By NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT Their findings are published

in A Revision of the Grasshopper Genus Orthochta and Allies, the first important reassessment of grasshoppers since 1965. The new species identified

Scientists find new grasshoppers

are savannah grasshoppers from the Afrotropics, which covers the lowlands and highlands in west, central and east Africa south of the Sahara. Some are also found in India

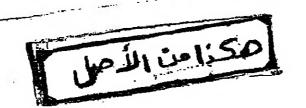


Other new species have arisen from reclassifying specimens which have for decades been wrongly given the same name. For example some specimens bearing the name Orthochtha prasina were actually six distinct

One of the more curious and rarer specimens is a wingless grasshopper collect-ed by Mr Popov in west Africa While many species of wingless grasshopper are known to live in forests less are known from the grasslands where they are vunerable to being burnt in fires during dry

The new species, called Orthochtha aurea and a greeny golden colour, gets around this by passing the dry season as eggs laid underground. The lifestyle may explain

why the species has never been identified before, said Dr Fishpool, as very few adults are alive to be collected



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begs the question of whether there was any justifica-

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humanity had been so shocked by the Nazis that never again would people perpetrate — or stand by

and allow others to perpe-

trate - such violent disre-

gard for the rights of others. The birth of the United

Nations and the promulga-

tion of various charters

upholding human dignity

seemed like a modern rain-

bow, as if to say: "While the

earth remains, while there

is seedtime and harvest.

Yet the colours of the rainbow are already domi-nated by black and red in

reunified Germany, repre-senting not just the shades of the swastika but the new

reality of the 1990s black

for the anger and fury felt by so many; red for the

blood that has already been

More shocking than the

shed of Turks and others.

violence has been the reac-

tion of the German estab-

lishment. Instead of immediate and forthright con-

demnation, there was a silence that failed to ac-

knowledge the dangerous

developments and made

copycat incidents inevitable. President von Weizsäcker may have been a

lone voice of integrity, but the negligible comments of those politicians who fear

offending potential voters

casts a worrying shadow

over the future direction of

Germay. If political leaders

are so beholden to the baser

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IRA involvement ruled out in collision at Northern Ireland military base Four men killed in RAF helicopter crash

By Michael Horsnell and Edward Gorman

Rabbi Dr Jonathan Romain for alarm. What Could it happen people are not aware of the rac-

occur regularly in this country. We may be able to cite specific economic and social causes for each episode.

but perhaps that general pattern exposes a far deeper reason: that human na-ture is flawed and contains an Achilles' heel that extends over the whole body whenever certain primeval instincts are aroused.

Genesis was right about the rainbow: "the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (viii, 21). The tendency to be suspicious of those who are different from us is one we usually contain, but which can sometimes erupt out of control and spiral downwards into fear, resentment and hostility.

summer and winter, day and night, we shall not destroy our fellows in this Dolitical reaction must be unequivocal: government condemnation of all manifestations of racism, accompanied by police action to demonstrate that it is a genuine concern. Just as essential is a carefully thought-out programme of integration of immigrants. that addresses the worries of the existing population and shows that fears of displacement or lower standards will not materialise.

The religious response must be trying to help people to see themselves in others and accept that variations in colour, creed and custom should not blind us to shared hopes, emotions and pricked hands, it should encourage us to regards others as possible friends rather than potential enemies, and to view differences as enriching

rather than threatening. The approach is one of practical messianism taking account of the inbuilt weaknesses of the human psyche and trying to steer them to positive channels. Without a vision to guide us, we condemn the future to the same as the present. With that vision, we have a chance of improv-

But there is a more disturbing question to confront. Can we sit back Perhaps we need to add a complacently on our warnew commandment to our time stereotypes and blame list of moral pillars: "Thou the Germans for being Gershalt not infringe the commans, or is it a wider mon humanity of any other person" and add the codiproblem? The evidence cil. "for if you do, ultimately from many other European

countries gives equal cause you deny yourself.

AN army major on an official visit to Northern Ireland was among four servicemen killed in a mid-air collision between two helicopters over Bessbrook military base in south Armagh, it emerged yesterday.

Major John Barr. 36. of Kingston upon Thames, London and the three-man RAF crew of a Puma helicopter died after the collision with a smaller Gazelle flown by two Army Air Corps soldiers on Thursday night. The pilot of the Gazelle was seriously hurt but his co-pilot escaped with arm injuries. The men, who were not named, were taken to Musgrave Park hospital in

The RAF crewmen who died were named yesterday as: Son Ldr Michael Haverson, 39, a former Army Air Corps member who lived at RAF Aldergrove in co. Antrim; Flt Lt Simon Roberts, 26, from Lincoln: and Flt Sgt Jan Pewtress, 33, from Peterborough. It was the worst military helicopter crash in more than

20 years of flying in Northern Ireland. An army spokesman confirmed both aircraft were trying to land after routine flights. They collided at about 300ft, the two craft catapulting away on either side of the

concrete landing area. Both planes burst into flames, sending fireballs into the air. As expens searched the charred remains of the aircraft for clues yesterday, the army spokesman said terrorist involvement had already been ruled out, despite years of IRA attempts to shoot down mili-

tary craft. Sir John Wilsey, the officer commanding in Northern Ire-land, visited the scene and announced a joint army and RAF board of enquiry. Sir John said the safety of his own personnel, and of those living near to the base, were of prime importance. But it was the first serious crash at Bessbrook in 20 years. The base is one of the busiest heliports in Europe, with a monthly average of

between 1,000 and 1500 landings and take-offs. The base is a marshalling centre for the security forces in the co. Armagh border area, which is considered too dangerous to traverse by road.

Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, said he believed the internal enquiry should also look at the wider issues of the way Bessbrook base is run, the number of hours flown by military pilots in Northern Ireland and the procedures for maintaining army and RAF helicopters. He said people in the area

had recently complained about pieces of equipment falling off aircraft. He believed many helicopters in the province were used so often that they could not be maintained properly. An army spokesman said

that there was no need to make flying hours and maintenance the subject of investigation, as they were both subject to detailed rules that were strictly followed.



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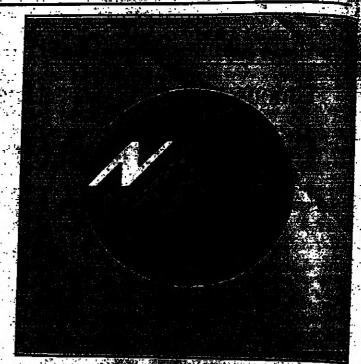
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Unions oppose extra teaching hours

Tory-run schools to try five terms a year

SECONDARY schools in Wandsworth, south London, are to experiment with a fiveterm year and a 50 per cent increase in teaching time. If the scheme is a success, it may be extended to the borough's primary schools.
The Conservative controlled

council, which has pioneered a series of local government reforms, is to give the schools £200,000 to pay teachers to work longer, or to employ extra staff to cover the addi-tional period. The three committed to the change will have the option of varying teaching periods ac-

varying teaching periods ac-cording to age.

Several city technology col-leges, including one in Wandsworth, already operate the new system. Michael Clarke, head of Battersea Technology College, said:

The three-term user relates to The three-term year relates to harvest time, when all the kids worked in the fields. Our intention is to reward effort and provide a combination of study time, additional course and leisure activities to meet students' expressed needs."

The reorganisation will allow Wandsworth to implement its policy of specialisation in secondary schools without reducing the time

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Winter term: September 7 - December 18 (helf-term October 25-29) Spring term: January 6 - April 2 (helf-term February 16-19) Summer term: April 19 - July 27 (helf-term May 31-June 4)

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spent on national curriculum subjects. Chestnut Grove School will introduce the fivemore time for European languages, art and design. Ernest Bevin School, which will specialise in Asian languages, science and technology, has yet to fix a date

Edward Lister, leader of Wandsworth council, said: "We do not see the national curriculum as the ceiling of what children should learn.
We think it should be the
minimum. But teachers cannot cram all the national curriculum subjects into the school day without putting extra hours in. We believe that children will learn more if they

are taught more."
The ADT City Technology College, in Putney, has operated the system for 15 months, adapting a five-term year to coincide as closely as possible with the Wandsworth primary school year. An Easter break has been inserted into the fourth of the eight-week terms. Pupils have lessons or other activities from 8.30am until 5pm three days a week, finishing earlier on Mondays and

Fridays.

David Durban, its manag-

Friends bid farewell to Sir Geraint

THE worlds of classical opera and Welsh rugby joined forces yesterday when more than 1,700 family, friends and admirers packed Westminster Abbey to pay a final emotional tribute at the service of thanksgiving for the baritone Sir Geraint Evans.

The orrhestra and chorus soon get used to the difference and they like having terms of roughly the same length. We do not have long summer terms when everyone is tired. The orchestra and chorus of the Royal Opera House were conducted by Bernard and the shorter summer break prevents the normal educational slippage. Parents know what to expect, and we are still over-subscribed." Haitink, Sir Georg Solti, Sir Colin Davis and Sir Edward

Downes. Hynns were sung The borough faces opposi-tion from teachers, who are taking legal advice on the plans. The new arrangements mean a return to the 200-day in Welsh. Sir Geraint died in September aged 70. Sir John Tooley, general director of the Royal Opera House, said he had year stipulated in the 1944 Education Act, which is much played a major part in bringing British opera to internalonger than the period agreed after the strikes of the mid-

Julia Alterman, secretary of

the borough's joint teacher union organisation, said: Teachers are already over-worked. To add to this is

ridiculous. It is not just the

extra teaching hours but the

tional prominence.
Lessons were read by Don-ald Sinden and Stuart Burald Sinden and Stuart Burrows. Among the congregation were Dame Joan Sutherland, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, Lord and Lady Merlyn-Rees. Viscount Tonypandy and representatives of the Weish National Opera and the London Welsh rugby club. preparation and marking which goes with that. This has got to be voluntary and not part of any job description within the school."

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Hogg stays silent on Mark Thatcher

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Foreign Office yesterday refused to respond to MPs demands for a statement on Mark Thatcher's alleged in-volvement in a £20 billion

arms deal with Saudi Arabia. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, was repeatedly pressed by Tam Dalyell and other Labour MPs to explain the background to the Al-Yamamah arms deal. The deal, Britain's biggest single export contract, involved the sale to Saudi Arabia in 1985 of Tornado and Hawk aircraft

and military equipment.

Mr Dalyell said that reports
of Mr Thatcher's links with arms dealers went "to the very heart of government". In what he called a series of "very serious and careful" questions, he asked whether the govern-ment could confirm or deny "that Mark Thatcher received approximately £10 million soon after the signing of the memorandum of understanding for the Al-Yamamah deal in September 1985 and that the agreement on the deal specified he would receive a further approximate £10 mil-

lion subsequently". Mr Dalyell asked why King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had written to Baroness Thatcher.

it "implicitly clear" that com-missions would be paid on the

The Labour MP for Linlithgow demanded to know why the letter had been sent via Saudi Arabia's US ambassa-

dor rather than through the London embassy. Mr Hogg refused to respond to questions relating to Mr Thatcher, put also by Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for

Brent East.
He said that Mr Livingstone has shown "a curious ordering of priorities" against the "important background" of the Middle East to spend "virtually 50 minutes talking about Mark

Thatcher". Raising the questions during a Commons debate on Britain's relationship with the Arab world, Mr Dalyell referred to claims in Channel 4's Dispatches programme, broadcast on Wednesday.

"This cannot be left hang-ing — it has to be cleared up." he said. "I cannot believe that programme was put out without a tooth-comb of libel lawyers going through it. It simply won't do to pass by on the other side of the road.

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PEOPLE from ethnic minoritles are threatened with permanent exclusion from the labour market by changes in the pattern of employment, according to a survey on the effects of the recession on black and Asians. It says that the drift of businesses from the

by the Runnymede Trust and Child Poverty Action Group, says that the growth of part-time employment, self-employment and temporary work will hit the ethnic minorities hardest because the changes are occurring in low-paid sec-tors where blacks and Asians are concentrated.

It says that the unemployment rate for Pakistani and Bangladeshi men is 21 per cent, compared with 7 per cent for whites. Among black and Asian men between 16 and 24, 22 per cent were unemployed, compared with 12 per cent of whites. Among women, it was 24 per cent compared with 9 per cent.

Gold slips away from chess team

By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH chances of winning gold medals at the European team champion-ships in Debrecen, Hungary largely evaporated yesterday. England and Russia ended their match in a 2-2 draw after Michael Adams, the young chess grandmaster inner cities means ethnic minorities will face greater difficulties finding work.

Poverty in Black and White,

> In round six, England played against Bosnia-Herze-govina. Three games ended as draws while Nigel Short adjourned his game against Predrag Nikolic. Russia extended their lead, obliterating Armenia by 32-2. Gary Kasparov, the world champi on, defeated the Armenian

> top board Rafael Vaganian. With two rounds still to be played the leading scores are Russia 172 points out of 24; Israel 152; Ukraine 142 and England 14 with one adjourned game. England are still in the hunt for silver in the strongest European team championship yet held.

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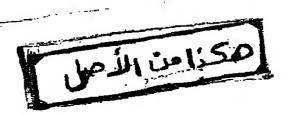
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Capital gains tax is crucial issue for royal treasurers

Now Queen's English is the language of Tessa and Peps

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIQIT

TAX minimalisation, tax efficiency but never, dare we say it Ma'am, tax avoidance. These are some of the phrases that the Queen's financial advisers will have to come to terms with after 55 years of tax

While the Queen has made it plain that she wants to pay her fair share and lighten the burden of the Civil List, there is expected to be some kind of redeployment of her blue chip share portfolio in a way that fulfils her promise but also maintains the best return on investment

The privileges reflected a series of deals struck between Crown and Parliament, starting with the 1697 Civil List Act in which William III accepted £700,000 a year for life. George III wrung more out of Parliament in return for the surrender of hereditary revenues, excluding the duch-ies of Lancaster and Cornwall

A select committee investigation resulted in the Civil List Act of 1972, which agreed that annual grant should be fixed with the help of the Royal Trustees. But that arrangement is about to un-

dergo a profound change. It is known that several leading City houses manage the royal portfolio, which must adopt a new strategy in the light of the discussions going on between the Royal Household and the Treasury as to the details of the sort of tax she

The conservative discretionary trading programme

Since the sovereign's offer to pay tax, only the Inland Revenue will be privileged to know the sum of her personal wealth

that has been adopted thus far, which is designed to protect capital and provide an income, will have to be

The announcement that she will pay income tax, council tax on Balmoral and Sandringham and contribute more to the royal family budget has not cleared up whether she will pay capital gains tax, which is crucial to the planning of any new

If it is accepted that she has a minimum of £50 million to re-invest to take account of her change in circumstances there are a number of ways in which she can defer either tax or income while still paying her

Neil Wright, senior manager dealing with personal fi-nancial planning in the Birmingham offices of Coopers & Lybrand, Britain's largest firm of accountants, said last night: "The first problem is whether she will have to pay capital gains tax."

If she does not, she could leave all her shares as they are but if she does there is a number of ways in which the capital gains tax - tax on the might be legitimately de-ferred, he said.

He believes she should opt to invest her money in four

First, she should not over-look the £22,000 in tax-free investments open to any indi-vidual, including herself and the Duke of Edinburgh. These include tax- exempt special savings accounts and personal equity plans (known as Tessas and Peps in the jargen).

"They shouldn't be ignored because they are simple and easy to do," Mr Wright said. To provide a steady income

of around £1 million a year, Mr Wright suggests £15 million worth of tax-favoured insurance policies and gilts. He believes the bulk of the

rest would be wisely invested in two ways. Ten million pounds should be put into something known as an "off-shore roll-up" fund, which has the effect of deferring tax on income until the fund is sold. Care would have to be taken to ensure it was a good invest-ment rather than a scheme to avoid tax.

She should also purchase her own huge personal unit trust of £25 million, which has the effect of deferring capital gains tax until the unit is sold, thus allowing gains to accrue

Yesterday's announcement almost certainly means that there is even less chance that we will ever know how she redeploys her fortune. Now that she has offered to pay tax, the pressure has been removed for a public declaration of her wealth. Only the taxman will ever know.

City men who have the royal ear

THERE are discreet but close ties between the pomp and ceremony of state and the bard ways of the City (Angela

When the Queen has to complete a tax return, the document is likely to be prepared by Peat Marwick

monarch. Cazenove & Co is most commonly cited as a stockbroker to the Queen, part of SG Warburg - NM Rothschilds and Baring Brothers also manage some of her funds. Evelyn Rothschild is a trusted friend and finan-

have been of particular help during the 1987 shares crash. Men in frock coats at Coutts in the Strand transact the Queen's personal banking while her solicitors, Farrer & Co in Lincolns Inn Fields, have been busy this year sorting out her children's marital affairs.



Business as usual: the Princess of Wales presenting a British Red Cross bravery award to Shelley Sartain, from Wales, who rescued a family stranded by the tide



Symbol of our disintegration

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

THE Queen's offer to pay income tax has surprised many Americans - not because they believe the mystery of majesty will be infringed by such a base requirement, but because most Americans had no idea. she did not pay taxes in the

first place. The aura of myth that surrounds the royal family (or used to) is compounded in America by a deep ignorance of what royalty is and does. The Queen's decision to pay tax has been seen almost as an admission of guilt, the unmasking of a scam not unlike the recent allegations that President Bush had bought a plot of land in Texas to escape

higher taxes. For many the tax question is not unlike the scandals that have plagued the royals all year, and another indication of the way Britain is said to be disintegrating. The Windsors' "fall from grace" is reported

here with barely concealed astonishment, for while America has always treated royalty as a form of Hollywood stardom, it was widely assumed that the Windsors were not quite human; Kennedys with-out libidos, subject to the whims of God not tabloid journalism.

Thus The Washington

Times recorded the fire at Windsor castle as an otherworldly portent. "The coincidence between the burning castle and the troubled times of the family that shares its name is nothing less than eerie," an editorial declared this week. "Those inclined to look for divine reckoning might look for proof here." The American press, of

course, has lapped up the tales of topless duchesses, failed marriages and queenly ire with huge enthusiasm. The Queen's speech referring to her annus horribilis found its way on to the front page of every newspaper, and America's legions of agony aunts, astrologers and pop psychia-trists have been working overtime in recent months to offer advice to the royals.

"Is the monarchy really necessary?" asked a headline on the front page of Time magazine this week, before going on to declare, with some giee, that "The notion of the family monarchy . . . is on the brink of collapse."

As with so much else in television-obsessed American life, many not only think the royals are like a soap opera, they believe they are a soap opera - an assumption supported by a recent rash of levision dramas.

When an American taxi driver asks you what will happen to the royal family. that is not because he believes you are privy to inside information. He simply thinks you have already seen the next

Hounds of Fleet Street still bay

By Joe Joseph

WILL Fleet Street's royal terriers become any less dogged in their chase of the younger Windsors now that they are to become a less heavy drain on the public purse?

Will the tabloids regard the Queen's children more as private citizens, like you and me, who pay their way and deserve to be left in peace providing they don't steal cars or streak at Lord's?

Possibly. But probably only if you believe that the tabloids' royal watch-ers filleted the Wales's floundering marriage last summer only because Charles and Diana draw cash from the Civil List; or that it was simply the fact that the Duchess of York is publicly funded that prompted paparazzi to eavesdrop on her financial counselling sessions with her Texan adviser.

of London's Evening Standard, feels much of the heat will go off the younger royals because they will no longer be dependent on the public purse. He said on yesterday's BBC Breakfasi News: 'They will still be reported, but they will not be so important." Max Hastings, editor of The Daily Telegraph's. agreed that the Queen's offer would dampen some of the criticism from the tabloid press. But being Street-wise, he acknowledged the honeymoon might be limited. At The Sun, Stuart

Higgins, the deputy editor, said: "It's not a question of laying off them. Their behaviour and antics brought them into the public eye over the summer. Our readers have wanted the Queen to pay tax. The fact that some may help. But if the younger, royals can still not get their private lives in order, then we will continue to report it. Our readers are interested in the royal family."
David Banks, newly appointed editor of the

Daily Mirror, said: "It's off, because I wouldn't agree that we'd laid on."

Mark Bolland, director of the Press Complaints Commission, says the argument that activities are funded from the public purse has been used by editors to support some of the revelations they splash on their front pages. "Obviously that argument won't still obtain, but some activities will still be paid for out of the public purse, so the situation is still too murky to make a firm decision. There are other public interest argu-

ments that can be put

forward."



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Verdict on fire is due next week

By a Staff Reporter

THE Queen must wait until next week to receive the interim report on what might have caused last Friday's blaze at Windsor Castle. A team of fire investigation

officers, police and forensic scientists is still making checks, but it is understood to have now established what happened. Buckingham Palace confirmed that the Royal Household was expecting a copy of the report. However, a spokeswoman refused to comment further until its contents were known.

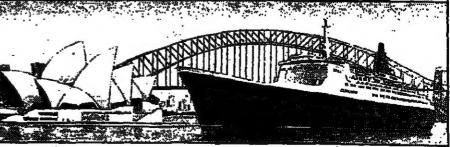
A heritage department spokesman said: The report will indicate the cause of the fire and other technical information. We have not received

Press reports suggesting that a halogen lamp ignited inflammable liquid being used by picture restorers "pure speculation" Berkshire fire officers said

earlier this week.

It has also been suggested that the fire may have been caused by burning bitumen from roof work falling inside the eastle, or by an electrical fault or by an abandoned

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Royal vandal or saviour? The Windsor fire has revealed treasures thought lost forever by George IV

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ARCHAEOLOGISTS are become ing increasingly excited at the possibility of important historical discoveries after the disastrons fire at Windsor Castle. The aftermath could reveal the castle as a much more historic building than has been apparent for nearly two

While architects are hotly de-manding that the castle be rebuilt in modern style, the opportunity may also exist to move back in time and open up earlier masterpieces which were so artfully concealed by George IV and his architect, Sir Jeffry Wyatville.

The largely gutted North Range has held state rooms and private apartments since the 12th century. It is also the site of the present St George's Hall, which was created

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History rises from castle ashes in the 1820s for George IV from two magnificent state rooms fixed out for Charles II and intended to However, the question being asked now is whether, on this occasion, rival contemporary interiors at Versailles. The lavishness of

now is whether, on this occasion, George IV acted as a royal vandal, or did his action preserve the earlier layers of the castle's history for future generations to explore?

The commissioners supervising the rebuilding of the castle, who included the Duke of Wellington, more initially exherent to include \$5. George IV's rebuilding came in the flush of victory after Waterloo. In 1824, the Chancellor of the Exche-1824, the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his budget speech talked of the prestige of Britain "in the councils of Europe" and Parliament promptly voted a massive £150,000 to ensure Windsor Castle could adequately fulfil its new high purpose as a meeting place for crowned heads and world leaders. included the Duke of Wellington, were initially reluctant to include St George's Hall in the rebuilding, and it is surprising that a king so fond of antiques should have countenanced the destruction which made way for it.

Sir Owen Morshead, librarian to

ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

George VI, was one of many who felt that Wyatville "was needlessly destructive in his treatment of buildings, which after centuries of honoured existence, had estab-lished a prescriptive right to survival". However, masonry had cracked and roof timbers in many places had routed. Wyatville

thought he was simply putting to rights centuries of neglect. What archaeologists now believe may have come to light is part of

the Stuart remodelling carried out under Wren's rival Hugh May, Walls and ceilings were frescoed by the Italian artist Antonio Verrio, who had been brought to London by the second Duke of Montagu, Charles II's ambassador to Paris.

Geoffrey Parnell, an English Heritage historian who has made the first cursory inspection of the hall, said: The north wall is not stone as might be expected, but plaster on timber lath. Behind, patches of pristine 17th-century brick work have been revealed. with trowelling marks still fresh

beneath the first layer of plaster." The question arises whether some of Verrio's frescoes survived in the way that medieval wall paintings have been discovered beneath later plasterwork and panelling in numerous churches and houses. Verrio's frescoes were re-corded in detail in aquatints pub-lished in 1819, just before

Wyatville began remodelling in Gothic style for George IV. Little study has been made of the medieval fabric since 1913. Archaeologists will be looking for traces of work by Henry 11, Henry

III and Edward III. "Medieval walls laid bare by the fire are spattered with blocked up mason-ry." Mr Parnell said.

Anthony Emery, an authority on medieval domestic architecture. said: "The work was of very high quality, with fragments of plaster work and heraldic glass appearing. Windsor is of special importance because so little English medieval palace architecture survives."

Yesterday, the Royal Institute of British Architects called for an architectural competition for the contemporary idiom, rather than a slavish recreation of Victorian

Simon Jenkins, page 14 Letters, page 15



1832-1992: St George's Hall before the fire. Created for George IV, it combined the old hall and chapel in a great banquet hall





1363-1682: the medieval period. Completed for Edward III, this 1672 engraving shows the hall's elaborate traceried timber roof

Revealed: glorious layers of England's heritage

THE medieval St George's Hall, completed for Edward III in 1363, is recorded in an engraving by Wenceslaus Hollar, the Bohemian artist who settled in England in 1635 and is famous for his views of London (Marcus Binney writes). Published in a history of the Order of the Garter in 1672, it shows a Garter feast in the time of Charles

The second view is taken from Pyne's Royal Residences, published in 1819, and shows the frescos painted by Antonio Verrio, who redecorated a series of 14 state apartments for Charles II between

Verrio was born in Lecce in the heel of Italy and studied in Venice. After his arrival in England, he went to work at the Mortlake tapestry works and later painted the Heaven Room at Burghley House, today the most famous of his "colonnaded" interiors. In all, he was involved in the decoration of 14 rooms, only three of which survived, as well as painting the outside walls of Horn Court, later filled in with the Waterloo Gallery.

Verrio's two finest interiors, the Verto's two lites theriors, the king's Chapel and St George's Hall, were thrown into the present hall by the architect Sir Jeffry Wyarville. His paintings in St George's Hall glorified England's patron saint and on the north wall showed Edward III receiving the victorious Black Prince "crowned" victorious Black Prince "crowned with laurels and carried by slaves" as in a Roman triumph, with the Merry Wives of Windsor bringing up the end of the procession.

Wyatville threw the Hall and Chapel into a single space, which as television footage has shown, made one of the grandest ceremonial banqueting halls in the world. Wyatville's Gothic ceiling, painted with shields of the knights of the Garter down the ages, has been

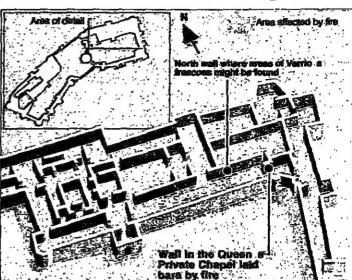
Recent photographs taken in the private chapel by English Heritage have revealed long-hidden medieval details including, as shown here, a blocked door and window. probably of 12th century date. Access to the gutted state rooms

remains heavily restricted, but Geoffrey Parnell, the English Heritage historian, said: "We hope to have a temporary roof over St George's Hall and the Grand Reception Room in a fortnight's time and archaeological exploration can then begin immediately."

Edward III transformed Windsor from a fortress into a sumptuous royal palace. A contemporary chronicler wrote: "Almost all the masons and carpenters throughout England were brought to Windsor, so hardly anyone could have any mason or carpenter except in secret, on account of the king's

In 1360, the sheriffs of 13 counties were ordered to send a total of 568 masons to Windsor. An engraving of St George's Hall as built by Edward III was made by

Original 14th century plaste



Devastation: the private chapel at the eastern end of St George's Hall, showing the stair turret and mid-19th century window

Hollar, shortly before Charles II's remodelling. But Mr Parnell said: The fragments of timber roofing surviving the fire look like simple

17th-century A-frames."
Henry III, after his marriage in 1236, made Windsor one of his principal residences, and following nearly 20 years of work, said one monastic chronicler, "there was no finer castle in the whole of Europe". Another subject which has long tantalised historians is Edward

III's mysterious project for an Arthurian order of the Round Table. In 1344, the young king held a great tournament and ordered "a most noble house" for the new order, which accounts

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PEELING BACK THE LAYERS OF HISTORY

17th century Verrio fresco painted

onto half-inch

thick plaster

17th century brick

show was to be a circular building 200 feet in diameter. It was begun in 1344, but abandoned, and Edward instead founded the new order of the Guards Garter, Exca-

vations may reveal the whereabouts of the Round Table. Edward III's main works at Windsor began in 1350, and for five years were directed by William of Wykeham. In all £50,000 was spent. The queen had a chamber with mirrors, and another called La Daunsyng Chambre. Until recently, it was thought that nothing remained of these apartments. apart from vaulted undercrofts, but the fire may reveal much more of

Art hidden within walls

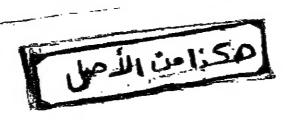
THE walls of the present hall, dating from the 1820s, consist of a layer of plaster laid on timber laths fastened to wooden battens (Marcus Binney writes). Beneath this is likely to be the 17th century plasterwork of the Charles 11 state

The walls, originally forming two rooms, a royal chapel and a smaller St George's Hall, were painted entirely in fresco by the Italian artist Antonio Verrio. They are recorded in aqua tims published in 1819, just before Wyaville trans-formed the interiors for George IV. Beneath this is likely to be the original 14th century plasterwork laid over coarse rubble stone walls. dating from Edward (11's expansion of the castle in the 1350s.

The first cursory inspections by English Heritage have revealed what appears to be 17th century brickwork and plasterwork be-neath parts of the 1820s plaster. Photographs taken after the fire show that the walls of St George's Hall, unlike the ceiling, survived substantially intact and could be

carefully repaired.

Archaeologists will not want to remove the 1820s plaster unless they are sure that substantial areas of the Verrio frescos survive beneath. The usual technique in such cases is to open up small windows in the surface to see how much decoration survives underneath.



THE TIMES SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28 1992

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND TIM JUDAH IN BAJINA BASTA

AFTER the outcry over Britain's refusal to admit Bosnian refugees without visas obtainable only in Vienna or Belgrade, the government announced yesterday that it was setting up a visa office in its Zagreb embassy. Applications will be accepted by mail.

Mark Lennox-Boyd, the parliamentary under-secretary at the Foreign Office, said the new visa section would open "as soon as practical problems including accommodation have been sorted out". The embassy in Ljubljana. Slovenia, is operating out of an hotel, but there are no plans to provide a visa service there.

The government's insistence that all Bosnians must get visas provoked an uproar. Charities and refugee aid organisations accused it of crude cynicism in making it virtually impossible for any Bosnian to seek refuge in Britain, as most victims of "ethnic cleansing" are in temporary camps in Croatia or Slovenia and none

is able to travel to Belgrade. Mr Lennox-Boyd, however. suggested that there was no relaxation in the criteria for admission. He noted that visas would be granted in Belgrade only to those trying to enter Britain "on urgent medical or compassionate grounds, and

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Stephanie

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Paris: In a year replete with

tales of topless irolicking, in-tercepted "love tapes", marital

despair and divorce, just about

the only scandal Europe's

dwindling club of royals

lacked was an illegitimate

Now Princess Stephanie of

Monacao, above, has provid-

ed one, giving birth to a 7lb boy, Louis, at the Princess

Grace hospital in Monte Car-

lo. "Mother and child are

doing well," the royal palace said.

The 27-year-old princess's lover, former royal bodyguard

Daniel Ducruet, was by her

side - enjoying the first flush

of fatherhood as he awaits a

summons from Nice magis-

trates for two assaults on motorists. Apart from the

headline writers. Stephanie's

tangled love life and uncon-

ventional taste in men have

won her few admirers in the

conservative. Roman Catholic

Los Angeles: Southern Cali-

formia was preparing for a pos-

sible major earthquake after

30-storey buildings in central Los Angeles were rocked yes-terday morning by a tremor

measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale (William Cash writes)

Felt from San Diego to Los

Angeles, the quake lasted for

six seconds. Damage was min-

imal and there was one minor

London: Muhammad Abdel-

the UN-sponsored referen-

dum in his country. At For-

eign Office talks he called for

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he says refuses to allow self-

Gangsters sue

Tokyo: Yamaguchi-gumi, Ja-

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group". The syndicate claims the law violates its civil

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admission of refugees from former Yugoslavia will be a main topic on the Edinburgh summit agenda. Britain is under pressure, particularly from Germany, to take more refugees and so lighten the burden on countries that have admitted tens of thousands. The Home Office is preparing a report on a common asylum policy that will be discussed at a meeting of interior and justice officials on Monday. On the front line, the United

Nations was humiliated yesterday as hopes dimmed that a convoy of food for tens of thousands of Bosnian Muslims would breach Serbian lines. After a two-day wait across the Drina river from the Serb-held town of Bratunac the convoy moved southwards. only to find hundreds of staves, blocking their path.

As the UN convoy neared the bridge between the Serbian town of Bajina Basta and the Bosnian town of Skelani, hundreds of people rushed past to block its path. "This way to the bridge," a Serbian policeman, directing demonstration and African Bolstrators, said. A furious Belgian UN commander dethat the local Yugoslav army commander stop people moving to the bridge but he protested that he could not because they were Bosnian Serb refugees from the Skelani area. "I'll call your

big boss," snapped the Bel-gian officer in a futile threat. Suggestions by a British officer that Ukrainian troops fire into the air and push the protesters aside with armoured personnel carriers was vetoed by the Ukrainian commander, who said: "I am providing security against a military attack, not women and children.'

After demonstrations by Serbs in Bratunac, General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, assured General Philippe Morillion, the UN military commander for Bosnia, that the convoy would get through to the besieged enclave of Srebrenica if it took a different route. However, not only was the bridge blocked, but a UN reconnaissance team reported that the Serb-proposed mud track impassable. The convoy has been promised safe pas-

sage today by the Bosnian Serb army officials. In Belgrade Judith Kumin, for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said that the UN was still determined to deliver the aid to Srebrenica. "Sadako Ogata, the high com-missioner, today expressed profound disappointment that the Serb side is not living up to

its commitments," she said. The Serbs are desperate to dislodge the Srebrenica Mus-lims because they hold only a narrow strip of land between the enclave and the Drina.

☐ Belgrade: The danger of the dam, holding more than three million cubic metres of toxic waste, spilling over into the Tara river receded further last night as dry weather prevailed (Dessa Trevisan writes). UN emergency teams are flying in concrete and metal constructions and plan to build three jetties and another smaller dam to keep the river current away from

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Lost in grief: mourners weep beside the coffins at yesterday's funeral service in Hamburg for the victims of the racist attack in Mölln last Monday. A Turkish woman and two children died in the firebombing. The local hodja, or holy leader, told a crowd of thousands gathered outside the mosque that the victims had finally found peace

Bonn acts against racism as Turks mourn

From John Holland in hamburg and Our Foreign Staff

THE German-authorities yesterday banned the Nationalist Front, a 130-member neo-Nazi party based in Detrnold, near Bielefeld in northwestern Germany, in its first firm step against weeks of mounting racist violence here.

Rudolf Seiters, the Interior minister, said the ban was an unmistakable warning signal" to the extreme right-wing continuing against other groups. The ministry is expected to move against several

extremist organisations.

The 25-year-old extremist Michael Peters from Gudow near Mölln and ten other extremists have been arrested on suspicion of involvement in attacks on asylum homes, and will be investigated for Monday's Mölln firebomb attack that killed a Turkish woman and two children.

At a ceremony in Hamburg to commemorate the three Turkish victims of the firebomb in Mölln, weeping women, their heads covered with black scarves, ringed the three coffins, set in a row

outside a mosque. In the middle stood the local hodja, or holy leader, telling a crowd of thousands yesterday that the victims were finally in a peaceful place in heaven although their last seconds on earth had been filled with

flames, terror and pain. The German flag was flown at half-mast while the Turkish crescent was held higher - a reminder that Germany's economic miracle of the past three decades would not have been possible without the hardvorking gastarbeiter, who now feel a sense of betrayal.

Despite the international and a certain amount of domestic outrage, unleashed by the suspected neo-Nazi arson attack in Mölln, most Turks remained circumspect and calm, hoping that the Germans will come to their sense and force their govern-

ment to crack down on racists. "Many of us were born in Turkey and we hope to die in Turkey," said the dark-haired teenaged "Auslander" hoist-ing aloft a red flag emblazoned with Turkish crescent.

"But these three poor souls had to die here in Germany and that's a pity," he said, gesturing to the flag-draped

"We can't do it ourselves" said Orgut Orcan, a 55-year-old tailor. "We pay taxes but we can't vote so we have no real representation in this country. It is a typical German double standard."

Norbert Blüm, the minister for employment, reminded the gathering of the old German expression that "grief not shared is only half grief. We share grief with the families of the dead," he said, "and we must now come together to end these violent trends."

Also, attending the com-

memoration with other dignitaries was Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, who brought a wreath. But Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, declined to attend.

As the ceremony progressed, and the hodia's highpitched prayers cut through the air, the crowd's grief turned to quiet frustration about the future. Turgut

Gorzut, 14, waved his Turkish flag but held his head low. "I still feel myself a Turk first though I was born here" he said. "I still want to live here but I feel more at home in Turkey. It is not as bad as here but here there is more work."

Like many of his friends, Turgut expects there to be more unemployment among Turks as the German recession deepens. For the Turks who still have jobs he said: "It is only going to get tougher. The Germans think we are stealing their jobs but it is true

to do. It is a contradiction. "If the government won't do anything to stop this, we must arm ourselves although I don't like to use violence against violence, but if it has to be that way so be it."

we often do the jobs they refuse

The coffins were placed in the hearses for the five-mile journey through Hamburg to the city hall square for a raily. Along the way, hundreds of Turkish youths rushed up to the hearses, touching the cars and yelling: "Allah is great" and "Turkey is great".

Several organisers carrying loudspeakers called for crowd discipline in German and Turkish aware that many Turks born in Germany have integrated so well that they no longer speak their native

tongue.
One German onlooker who paid special attention to the crowd reaction was Freimudt Duve, an opposition Socal Democratic MP who represents Hamburg. He said that many were beginning to real-ise that "if Hamburg cannot live without foreigners and if foreigners cannot live in Hamburg then what is our future to

- tied together. The fear of the millions to come has destroyed the peace of the millions who are here. The chancellor should have come here to give a positive signal to foreigners and to Turkey."

Perils of Gorbachev shadow Yeltsin

FROM ANNE MCELVOY TN MOSCOW

IN THE days of President Gorbachevs perestroika, Russian democrats used to joke that the more talk there was about restructuring the economy, the less it actually took place. The notion of change had, after initial emmusiasm, become

ments about how to approach reform than

there is for executing it. Radicals like Yegor Gaidar, the acting prime minister, are hampered by lack of experience in industry which is dominated by the old Soviet elite more likely to be sympathetic to Civic Union's nostrums of state-investment and planned transition to the

Mr Gaidar, an academic economist, has been quick to grasp the tenets of Western-style management, but has been accused of having too much faith in the recommendations of American textbooks and the advice of foreign "Mr Fixits" like Jeffrey Sachs, Harvard's professor of economics who, critics say, can afford to dispense prescriptions of austerity, not having to live with the social and political consequences. In the run-up to the decisive Congress of People's Deputies next week, politicians have been quar-

reling endlessly about the economy, but the theme is little more than an ideological football kicked across the parliamentary divide. The conservative partia-

ment yesterday confirmed its opposition to continuing radical reforms by urging ministers to rethink them without deigning to say what alternative it would consider feasible. Both radical and conservatives throw out "anti-crisis plans" and "stabilisation measures" on a regular basis — cultural vestiges of the old Soviet love of lengthy, useless documents. But when the rhetoric is discarded, their platforms are often little more than rival slogans. The government's ambi-tious half-year programme claims that it will boost spending on social welfare and stimulate output while keeping down inflation.

Party verdict: The constitutional court will announce its verdict in the trial of the Communist Party on Monday. The court also will begin judging President Yeltsin's ban on the National Salvation

This is the fourth article previewing Tuesday's meet-ing of People's Deputies

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Arabs expect little justice from French courts

FROM CHARLES BREMINER IN PARIS

SOMEWHAT the worse for drink. Roger Maillard reached for his revolver when he was woken up by noisy youths in the street outside his window in the Paris suburb of Neuilly-sur-Marne. The re-tired soldier fired out the window, killing Khemissi Karar, an Arab teenager, and

then went back to sleep. M Maillard's trial for murder, which opened on Thursday at the Seine-Saint-Denis assises, would seem banal were it not for the certainty among many young French Arabs that he will walk free. Two weeks ago a jury in Rheims acquitted Marie-José Garnier, a baker who had fired a rifle from the hip. killing one of a group of young harks, the Algerians who immigrated after fighting for France, because she believed

Les Epinettes, a poor district of Rheims, suffered three nights of disturbance by angry harkis. Anti-racist campaign-ers bitterly recalled President Mitterrand's remark during the Los Angeles riot last May that a Rodney King case was impossible in France. But there was little of the public emotion which greeted the acquittal of the white police officers who assaulted the

black motorist there. This judgment symbolises the racist gangrene which is eating away at our country," said the leaders of the SOS Racism rights organisation. Meanwhile, Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front is raising money to pay the civil damages awarded against Mme Garnier, the boulangere

de Reims The Rheims verdict and the mild public reaction to it have demonstrated the depth to which racial animosity and fear of crime have penetrated French society. France has so far been spared the vicious and sustained attacks on foreigners seen in Germany and The Rheims and Neuilly-

sur-Marne killings took place in 1989 and 1990. But an accumulation of ugly incidents suggest increasing hostility towards foreigners, from blacks and Arabs to gypsies and East Europeans. Marie-Claire Mendes-France, widow of the former statesman, said this week she felt as if she was reliving the 1930s. "One used to hear the same words of discrimination and we know where they led."

In Mulhouse last Saturday, vandals wrecked 58 graves in a French Muslim military cametery. In Calais, the anthorities have acted to quell a public panic over groundless rumours of child murders, supposedly by an Arab.

PROPOSED PRADO EXTENSION

The National Front rumbles on with its overtly racist



Le Pen: paid damages awarded against racist

ideology and support from about 15 per cent of the electorate, and a tinge of anti-Semitism has come to colour the political furore over l'affaire du sang, the scandal over the distribution of HIVcontaminated blood. M Mitterrand, who visited Israel this week, has accused the conserweek, has accused the conser-vative opposition of trying to little racist".

prehensible that they have not

called a competition for ideas

about the enlargement of the

state's main museum." The

minister admits the project

replay the Dreyfus affair, the great anti-Semitic furore of the 1890s, in its attempt to im-peach Laurent Fabius, the former prime minister who is Jewish, for his role in the blood case.

Recent months have also shown the strength of rever-ence for the memory of Marshal Philippe Pétain despite ever-increasing evidence of his war-time regime's complicity war-time regime's complicity in abetting the Nazis. The Paris appeal court has just begun reviewing the judicial decision last spring which dropped charges against Paul Touvier, a Vichy police leader, and and absolved the Petain regime of anti-Semitism.

Many blame high unemployment and the sense of global crisis for the way hostile racial attitudes have become almost acceptable. In a survey for the Human Rights Commission, 41 per cent conceded

The latter will have more

hibits and restore pictures.

room to hang temporary ex-

The project is similar in

Prado paints itself into a tight corner with new extension

FROM EDWARD OWEN

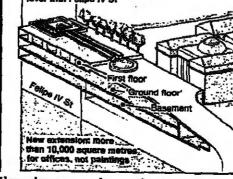
public debate as fierce A as that which developed in Britain over the original Saturday Review, page 27 plans to extend the National Gallery looms in Spain after the Socialist government of Felipe González this week aziz, the Western Saharan leader, has urged Britain to approved a plan to enlarge the venerable Prado. The project push in the UN Security Council for implementation of was not open to public tender or international competition and will not solve the museum's main problem, lack of space to hang its huge

collection. This year the Prado has had to play second fiddle to the fanfares sounded for the unveiling of first the Reina Sofia Art Museum's permanent col-lection of 20th-century Spanish art, and then the ostentatious debut of the Thyssen collection in a palace initially bought for the Prado. The main problem there is

that there are more paintings.



they were stealing croissants.



For art's sake: González, who approved grant for the gallery's extra space

scheme is mainly for offices

and public amenities. Only

1,500 square metres of space

about 3,000, in storage than on display. Last week Jordi Solé Tura, the culture minister, amounced that the government was prepared to pay 60 per cent of the 2,300 million peseta (£13 million) cost of a project by the architect Francisco Rodríguez Partearroyo, to extend the museum by 10,554 square metres with a three-storey bunker attached to the north facade. But José Angel Santhe Prado board, and Felipe Garin, the museum's director, face a Dos de Mayo-style firing squad because the

would become available in the old building, which has a total useful area 20 times larger. Enrique Dominguez Uceta, Spanish architect, said in the Madrid paper El Mundo this week: The fact is that the best building in Madrid is

of this project, it seems incom-

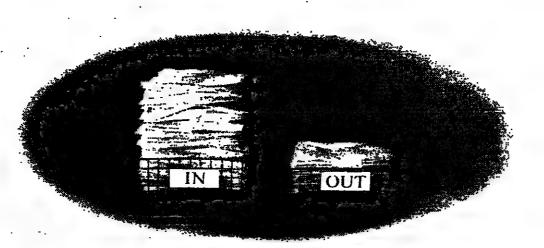
The Prado director argoing to suffer a fresh insult. Considering the importance

gues that with up to 2.5 million visitors a year, the planned extension would provide one main fee paying vestibule with shops and a cafeteria. At present admission is free through several entrances. The relocation of offices from the old building would eliminate the security problem of business visitors traipsing past the masterpieces to see museum staff.

concept to the underground entrance to Stonehenge. Its solves the problem of space for services but does not location at the north end of the Prado is where the street resolve the problem of space for paintings. He said there were still plans to annex the level rises higher than the Prado's lower floors and the only loss would be an unsightpalace now occupied by the philistines of the ministry of ly car park. In the present corrupt cliagriculture where the Old Masters might appreciate the bouquet of Spain's wine lake. mate, the attempted fait ac-

compli by the Prado authorities seems more like Bosch than Goya. Recently a Spanish minister admitted that construction contracts were never signed without money on the table and another museum director was accused by a security contractor of demanding a commission. Señor Garin may now get more than he bargained for when he says he hopes the scheme will provoke debate.

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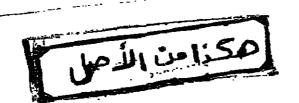
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Rebels try to topple Caracas government

on and hit the upper floors of

BY TONY BLANCHI IN CARACAS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HEAVY gunfire echoed around the Venezuelan capital as the government of President Pérez suffered the second

coup attempt in nine months. President Perez said in a dawn broadcast that the coup, which began at midnight on Thursday, had been foiled, but fighting was still in progress between the army rebel troops last night. Luis



The administration of President Pérez has been under constant political attack for not solving security and corruption problems

Piñerua Ordaz, the interior var movement made up of the minister, claimed in a teleparatroop regiment and a vised statement that the leadcontingent of air force ers of the rebels had officers.A radio station reportsurrendered. "I want to ined that nine people were killed form the country that the principal leaders of the rebels at a television station seized by the rebels, and a Reuter phohave surrendered. They have tographer said he saw at least turned themselves in to the four bodies in a pool of blood authorities." he said. outside the building. About 1.000 civilians marched to-One correspondent inside the Miraflores presidential ward the palace in support of complex said an aircraft fired the rebels, but they dispersed

an administrative building. One report said that two American-built aircraft opershops were set ablaze in the streets around the palace. ated by the rebels from a President Perez appeared on television from his office captured military airfield had heen shot down. President and told Venezuelans there Perez. 70, was in his office in was nothing to fear from the another building when the bomb struck. He survived rehels. "This morning a group of subversives tried to provide a surprise to the Venezuelan another coup attempt last

when police fired tear gas at

the crowd. Several cars and



Unscheduled broadcast: Venezuelan troops fire at a television station seized by rebel soldiers during an attempted coup in Caracas yesterday

danger."
Shortly after word of the coup attempt spread Fernan-do Martinez Mottola, the communications minister,

said on television that the suspension was ordered by the president and was effective immediately. Under the suspension, police can search and arrest without warrant. The government also suspended the freedom of free travel, of

right to hold public meetings

or protests.

The president said rebels were in control of the Libertador air force base in Maracay, 60 miles west of Caracas, where Mirage and F-16 fighter jets are based. The Miranda airfield in eastern Caracas, but he said troops were fighting to regain control there. A witness said he saw a military plane explode over the air field. He said that the pilot parachuted out and was picked up by passing motor-

The rebels took over the air force bases of La Carlota and Maracay. The state television station was taken after a skirmish that cost the lives of a dozen employees and guards and was used to air a tape and was used to air a tape recording of Colonel Hugo Chavez, the imprisoned leader of the February coup, calling for people to take to the streets and the armed forces to join in a movement to topple the president. As in the February uprising, neither the population nor the bulk of the armed forces reacted in favour of the rebels and it soon appeared that they were isolated. Officials said that the country was quiet outside of Caracas and Maracay. Few people were in the streets because soliders had blocked off main streets, and most shors were closed. and most shops were closed. The main road leading west from Caracas was reported blocked by soldiers in armoured trucks. It was unclear whether they were loyal to Señor Pérez or Colonel

A very quiet Señor Pérez made his appearance three hours after the beginning of the attempt on the only-tele-

vision station that was left untouched by the rebels. He called on Venezuelans to sup-port the democratic principles of the nation and promised that the gubernatorial and municipal elections scheduled for December 6 will take place, Venezuela, Latin America's longest enduring democracy, has been under civilian

rule since 1959.
It is a leading oil producer with proven reserves of more than 62 billion barrels, but the economy has been in decline since oil prices fell in the early 1980s. Oil prices rose 29 cents a barrel in London on news of a coup attempt. Governor Oswaldo Alvárez of Zulia state said on radio that the situation was normal in the state's oil fields around Maracaibo, the nation's largest oil-producing

The Perez administration has been under constant political attack for not solving the nation's serious security and corruption problems which have been rampant in the last two governments of the ruling party Action Democratica. Se-nor Pérez blamed yesterday's coup attempt on lenist groups such as the so-called Red Flag rather than the Bolivar movement and the rebel forces.

He said he will not heed repeated opposition demands that he cut short his term of office, promising to remain in power until he is due to hand

Clinton retreats to Little Rock

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton, the president-elect, took refuge from the advisers, aides and the press in the governor's mansion at Little Rock, Arkansas, on Thursday for what he called a typical traditional Thanksgiving at home". But the equally traditional political rumour mill rumbled on throughout the holiday as speculation about who might be included in the new administration reached fever pitch.

In the past few days Mr Clinton has held meetings with potential cabinet ap-pointees. On Wednesday his transition advisers announced the names of ten people seven men and three women — who will lead "cluster teams" to study and advise the president-elect on the structure and personnel of

key federal agencies.

Mr Clinton has said,
tantalisingly, that he is close
to a decision on "a few"
cabinet posts. On Tuesday Lloyd Bentsen, 71, the veteran Democratic senator from Texas, met Mr Clinton amid speculation that the chairman of the Senate finance committee and Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 1988 might be in line for a post as Treasury secretary.
Mr Clinton also held meet-

ings with Bruce Babbitt, the former Arizona governor, representative Bill Richardson of New Mexico and Tim Wirth, the retiring Colorado senator
— all of whom are considered candidates for the post of interior secretary. Information emanating

from Little Rock is meagre. but that has done nothing to dampen enthusiasm for what has become Washington's favourite parlour game: secondguessing the shape of the new administration, using a combination of informed speculation, supposition and outright fantasy. Sam Nunn, the sena-tor from Georgia, tipped as defence secretary, told break-fast television news that it would be an "honour" to take a cabinet position, but added: "I am happy in the US Senate and that is where I imagine I will stay."

America closed, page 14

Libya faces tougher sanctions

By Michael Binyon Diplomatic editor

BRITAIN, France and the United States warned Libya yesterday that unless it complies fully and swiftly with the United Nations' demand to hand over for trial the men accused of the Lockerbie bombing, it will face tougher and broader sanctions. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secre-tary, said that he did not rule out a full embargo on the sale of Libyan oil.

in a joint statement the three governments accused Tripoli of equivocation and delay, and said by its evasion Libya continued to flout the law. The existing sanctions will be reviewed by the security council on December 15, and British officials said yesterday they would be tightened if Libya still refused to hand over the two men.

Mr Hurd, asked by the London-based paper Al-Hayar last week on possible oil sanctions, said Britain did not want to take such a step. Other action could include further cuts in the number of Libyans allowed in its embassies over-seas, and an absolute cut-off of ali aircraft spares. Last week

Muammar Gaddafi told the Libyan parliament that he had survived the Lockerbie crisis because President Bush had taken no military action. He named Omar Montassar, a Western-educated official, as foreign minister to replace Ibrahim Bichari, who Western intelligence services believe headed Libyan intelligence when the Pan Am and French UTA flights were blown up. Whitehall officials said Lib-

ya has been trying to divide the allies, appeasing them with offers of intelligence about the IRA, chances for French officials to visit Libya and other moves described in London as "widdling about in the margins". Officials said the West had

satisfied every Libyan request: the suspects would not be tortured, they would not be retried in America if acquitted in Scotland, they could be visited in detention and would have Scottish legal procedure explained to them. "There are no further excuses," one said.





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Hong Kong defies China with cash for airport

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

council last night narrowly agreed to provide the government with funds to continue preparations for the building of its new airport at Chek Lap

By 27 votes to 25, the council's finance committee voted to permit £567 million to be injected into the Provisional Airport Authority to enable it to award contracts for site preparations — preliminary runway and terminal construction. China says the project, which is tied up with the row over democratic reform in Hong Kong, is too expensive, and has urged members of the council to reject it. Peking says if Britain goes ahead without its consent it will be breaking an agreement on the project signed by John Major, the prime minister, last year. During almost

six hours of debate, punctuate ed by procedural wrangles, members questioned the finine stains of the project if agreement with China is not forthcoming. But Hamish Madleod, the financial secretary said the government had not received any formal ap-proach from China not to

"We are taking a step by step approach," said Mr Mac-leod. "I have been trying to keep avenues open for talks. For me to start discussing possible scenarios beyond this next step will achieve precisely the opposite of what I believe most members want, which is to carry out constructive talks with China and reach a sensi-

Before the vote, Mr Mac-leod said that he could not see a situation where it would involve coming back to the finance committee for more finds before agreement was reached with China. Even without Peking's backing, the Hong Kong government should be able to continue work for two years. China may support for the project to attempt to pressure Chris Patten, the governor, to back down on his democratic re-

form package.

Members of the legislative council who support Mr Patten's reform plans also support the continuation of work on the Chek Lap Kok project. The Chinese have given no official indication of what they will do If Hong Kong does proceed with the airport development.

The island of Chek Lap Kok, site of an amport scheduled one day to handle 87 million passengers annually, is so quiet that a visitor can hear a bird chirping in woods half a mile away — woods to be buildozed into dust. It is an article of faith with

Mr Patten that the £12.5 billion project will be built before be leaves the territory at the handover of Hong Kong to China in 1997. Chinese difficults, and the pro-China lebby in Hong Kong, believe that the new airport across the border in Shenzhen serve

Hong Kong just as well.

The deadlock has lasted since last April, stalling work on one of the most daring and costly construction projects on earth. A 21-mile highway and a high-speed railroad will link the 21st century facility to the centre of Hong Kong by one of the world's longest suspen-sion bridges. Ultra-modern towns will be built along its

☐ Tokyo: Several Japanese companies have won contracts to work on the new sirport, by March or April 1994 as Mr | Mr. Patten told businessmen de Klerk proposes. | Mr. Patten told businessmen here Joanna Pinnan writes).



officially announcing their engage-ment in Tokyo yesterday. Dressed in

greeted by flashbulbs from 600 cameramen and reporters. Takahanada, 6 ft 1 in and weighing in at 292 lbs, is

Unita rebels agree to lay down arms

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

REBEL officials of the Union la's former colonial power, the for Total Independence of Angola yesterday agreed with the Angolan government to end the fighting that has threatened to plunge the country back into civil war.

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The deal, struck by senior Unita delegates in Namibe on the southern coast, was followed by a veiled threat that the government would attack the rebels if they did not begin disarming immediately. Fernando Dias de Piedade dos Santos, the deputy interior minister who headed the hardline government delegation, said that Unita would "have to face the consequences" if it again violated the May 1991 peace accords

Jorge Valentim, for Unita, was anxious to appear conciliatory although the move-ment, forged during 16 years of civil war by Jonas Savimbi with South African and American backing, occupies about 60 per cent of the country. "It was a good start. This historic meeting was characterised by frankness, co-operation and harmony in debate," he said after the meeting, organised by the United Nations and observed by Portugal, AngoUnited States and Russia. Mr dos Santos insistance that Unita soldiers return to demobilisation camps will have to be matched by a from the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, (MPLA). The MPLA has armed tens of thousands of civilians since the Angolan election process collapsed last month when it became clear that Unita had lost, alleging that the process had been

were a fix. Thousands died in fighting at the end of last month. sparked by violence and in-timidation by both sides and many of Unita's high command were killed. There were no concrete proposals in the latest agreement on how each side would demobilise. Unless this is done there will not be

fraudulent. Dr Savimbi has

since accepted the results, but

remains adamant that they

In Luanda, President dos Santos announced last night that Marcolino Moco, the MPLA secretary-general, would be prime minister of a new transitional government. to be sworn in on Tuesday.

Amnesty calls for **ANC** trials

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FROM MICHAEL HAMILYN. IN JOHANNESBURG

AMNESTY International, the London-based human rights the governments of Angola, l'anzania, Uganda and Zambia to prosecute officials of the African National Congress for human rights abuses.

The Amnesty report docu-ments a long standing pattern of torture, ill-treatment and execution of pasoners by the ANCs security department. It shows that this pattern of abuse was allowed to go unchecked by the ANCs leadership in exile and by the African frontline states.

For the first time since they broke down six months ago. the South African government and the ANC have agreed to resume talks on constitutional reform. The two sides will meet on Wednesday for three days to discuss a seven-item agenda. A second round of talks is planned for early

Muhammad Valli Moosa, an ANC executive member, said of Mr de Klerk's new timetable for the talks: "We do consider it to be a victory in that this is the first time we have been able to get this government to commit itself to a time frame."

However, the ANC believes that the first fully multiracial elections could be held within nine to 12 months instead of



matching pale pink kimonos and the darling of the sumo world, credited

the popularity of the sport. Miss Miyazawa. 19, last year starred in a



ROYAL ALBERT

Peace envoy chosen as UK ambassador

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S foreign affairs ministry has confirmed that Moshe Raviv, a senior career diplomat with extensive service in Britain, has been appointed ambassador to London.

As part of a general shake-up of ambassadorial posts, Mr Raviv, 57, the deputy director-general re-sponsible for information, cently been conspicuous in is expected to take up his new post in the summer of next year. Mr Raviv, a self-



Raviv: conspicuous in Middle East talks

confessed anglophile, graduated in international rela-tions from the University of London in 1961, returning to Britain later that year to take up his first posting as a second secretary. He also served as minister from 1983 to 1988.

He was born in Bukovina, Romania, and came to Israel when the state was

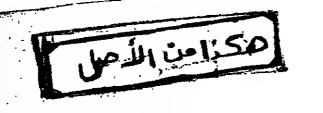
founded in 1948, has had broad experience in the diplomatic service. He worked for Golda Meir and Abba Eban, Israel's bestknown foreign ministers, and has also served in Washington and Manila.

Although his duties have covered Europe, Asia and cently been conspicuous in Israel's team to the Middle East peace talks, where he is co-chairman of the multilateral talks on the environment. He has been in charge of co-ordinating foreign policy for Israel's vari-

Mr Raviv will have to sacrifice much of the priva-cy he and his family enjoy in Jerusalem. He will become the subject of the necessary, but intrusive, by Scotland Yard and Isracsecurity on all Israel's mbassadors in London.

Although London is considered one of the most prestigious ambassadorial postings, nobody in Israel has forgotten the fate of Shlomo Argov, the ambassador who was shot in the head and critically wounded by a Palestinian gunman

☐ International role: Israel has agreed to join United Nations peacekeeping forces for the first time, a foreign ministry spokes-man said (Reuter)



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he next Dublin government in Ireland will be either a coalition or a minority government — conceivably, both. Fianna Fáil's bid to win an overall majority has failed, as has every such attempt since 1979. Instead of winning seats. Fianna Fáil has actually lost some. Its share of the vote, at 39 per cent, is now the lowest since 1927, at the beginning of its parliamentary career. The swing against it in this election is in the region of 5 per cent. Yet it remains by far the largest party in the Dail and the country. It is in a steady but slow decline, and still

exceedingly formidable. Three types of coalition are now possible: Fianna Fáil and the Progressive Democrats (like the last government but with one significant modification, to be considered below); Fianna Fáil and Labour; and finally Fine Gael, Labour and the Progressive Democrats: the so-"rainbow coalition". In theory a fourth possibility exists: Fianna Fail and Fine Gael. In practice, this is not on. Fianna Fáil's raison d'être is to be different

Slow collapse of the Irish colossus than it. The issues that evolved in the civil war that followed the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 have long since faded. Very few people

could now even correctly state what they were. But the party traditions that developed in the wake of that civil war are very much alive, especially in Fianna Fáil. No Fianna Fáil leader who agreed to coalition with Fine Gael - even if Fine Gael would agree -could survive the subsequent commotion inside his party. Many party members would feel that such

a coalition robbed them of some-

thing essential to their self-respect

the sense of being better Irish men

than those fellows over there. Albert Reynolds would not be likely to agree to a coalition with Fine Gael, but even so he is unlikely to survive as leader of Fianna Fáil Even if there is a coalition with Fianna Fail in it, neither of the possible partners would want to

serve under Albert Reynolds as taoiseach. And many - probably most by now - of his own party don't want him either. The former Haughey ministers have been waiting to get him ever since he became taoiseach. His disastrous misjudgment in precipitating a general election in which Fianna Fáil lost seats provides them with a golden opportunity. He is likely to go down as the shortest-serving leader of Fianna Fail, and taoiseach, in

It is Dick Spring's Labour Party which will do most to decide the composition of the next government. Labour's gains have surprised even themselves. They have done well throughout the country, but they have triumphed in Dublin; hitherto dominated by Fianna Fail. Labour topped the poll in almost all the Dublin constituencies. It is significant that a high proportion of the successful Labour candidates



Dick Spring: surprising gains

who copped the poll in Dublin are women. Labour identified a distinct women's vote and targeted it. This paid off. It is being noted with surprise that Labour swept the middle-class Dublin suburbs, traditionally difficult terrain for Labour,

as I know from personal I believe this was mainly due to

Fianna Fail's folly in combining the elections with the referendum on abortion. "Pro-choice" people and in Dublin that means most women and many men - were outraged at the referendum proposition, which ruled out abortion (in the Republic) in cases where only the health, and not the life, of the mother was endangered, and which specifically excluded the threat of suicide. In putting that proposition before Dubliners, while simultaneously calling for their votes. Fianna Fáil was looking for trouble, and got it.

What happened in the Dublin suburbs was similar to what happened in the American suburbs in this month's presidential election there. "We were murdered," acknowledged one Republican ana-"by middle-class republican

women in the suburbs deserting the Bush ticket in droves." That was over the anti-abortion plank in the platform endorsed by the Houston Convention. The anti-abortion proposition in the Irish referendum had a similar effect, though on a less spectacular scale. Fianna Fáil, even in Dublin, was not exactly murdered, but it lost its dominance

there, and is never likely to recover.

That will do to be going on with. In the referenda, the proposition on "freedom of travel" (for abortion, unstated) and "freedom of information" (about abortion, unstated) were both carried by large majorities. The anti-abortion (in Ireland) proposition was defeated by a narrower majority but still convincingly. The vote against the anti-abortion proposition included. as well as "pro-choice" people, the more fanatical "pro-life" people who regarded it as wrong, for permitting abortion in Ireland in

cases where the life of the mother was threatened. But many, perhans most, "pro-life" people probably voted for the proposition. Although some individual bish-

ops, including the Archbishop of Dublin, had come out against all three propositions, the hierarchy collectively had left the matter, unusually, to the conscience of the faithful. Taken together, the results of the three referenda are eminent ly satisfactory to the "pro-choice" people, and a pleasing contrast to the two-to-one vote by which the electorate, nine years ago, inserted the anni-abortion proposition into the constitution.

Overall, the results of the election and of the referenda suggest that the two most powerful institutions in Ireland - the Catholic Church and the Fianna Fail party - are in slow but terminal decline. Both are ceasing to be credible. Both are slowly retreating into the West Fianna Fail's best electoral show. ing this week was in pro-life time, perhaps, before the prohibitions of divorce and of abortion are

Nobody move: America's shut

Waiting for a president is proving

irksome, writes Ben Macintyre

pregnant uncertainty has envel-oped Washington, caught in the I I-week twilight zone that is the transition between the election and the inauguration of a new president: throughout the capital telephone calls remain unanswered, everyone who is anyone (or wants to be) is beadily eyeing the comings and goings in Little Rock, and even the White House guards seem like traffic wardens on a lunch break.

There is surely no more peculiar event in the American political calendar than the transition, when the American bureaucracy enters a tense, unproductive and astonishingly expensive limbo: initiatives are on ice, decisions are on hold and the thousands of officials who run America are on tenterhooks. more concerned about their own future than that of the nation.

Of all the people effectively rendered obsolete while America changes political gears, none is more gloomy and irascible than George Bush. The interregnum is too long," he was heard to mutter long." Margaret Thatcher took just four days to pack her bags and leave Downing Street, but Mr Bush is forced to wait for what must seem like eternity, as the new political curtains are metaphorically measured around him.

Edwin Meese, former attorneygeneral, once compared outgoing presidents to leaking balloons. George Bush is certainly not wear-ing what he calls his "lame

The hiatus of transition is in some ways an awesome phenomenon, a tribute to a democracy so ingrained, a power so monolithic that it can be put into suspended animation for nearly three months.

But as Democratic Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the senate armed services committee and possible future Secretary of Defence. observed this week after returning from a meeting with Boris Yeltsin. the western world does not have "the luxury of declaring a recess while we change administrations". America is on automatic pilot, but

the rest of the world is not. The problem is partly one of politesse: George Bush does not want to seem to be foisting important policy decisions on his successor, and Bill Clinton does not want to impinge on the president's authority. The result is genteel stasis, frustrating for both sides. The length of the transition is an anachronism, left over from the

The American government is closed for renovation until capital could take weeks. (In 1933 the period was reduced from five months to 11 weeks: the gap between Hoover and Roosevelt had caused a financial panic.)

Congress has set aside some \$3.5 million for the transition (the mini think-tanks — "policy pods" and "transition clusters" — shaping the Clinton adminstration are expensive), a sum many consider

Richard Neustadt, an adviser to Truman and Kennedy, now a Harvard professor, described the process for The New York Times: "Large groups of ex-campaigners wandering around Washington terrorising civil servants. They all turn in reports . . . and those reports usually get filed in a wastebasket. And that's the end of that."

eanwhile, the nation's capital has turned to the delicate dance of jobhunting, the American political equivalent of a Victorian marriage proposal which requires a bride or appointee to appear graciously surprised when the question is even years of active angling. Since no one, except Bill Clin-

ton's chosen few, really has any idea yet who will make up Clinton's cabinet, second-guessing has be-come the prime, indeed sole occupation of many of Washington's chantering political classes. The frustrations of the transition have affected both the incoming and outgoing presidents. When photographers used camip to lure Socks the cat away from the governor's mansion in Little Rock, Bill Clinton officially declared himself "furious" for the first time.

Unlike Jimmy Carter, George Bush has no Tehran hostage crisis with which to occupy his waning moments. He has gone through the motions of foreign policy, notably the EC trade agreement and the decision to send troops to Somalia, but his mind is only half on the job.

The strain of an 11-week rinal humiliation. "the endless endings

with no startings", as one aide called it, is taking its toll on the courtly George Bush. He vowed to go out "in style" but he is going out in silence and gloom. In 1840-41 Martin Van Buren.

Democrat, vacated the White House and set a standard for insouciance in defeat. He was, said a Whig observer, "calm and unruffled as the bosom of a lake under the tranquil influence of a sumactor he must have been.

Crowning the castle's glory

The chance to add a modern touch to a rebuilt Windsor should not be passed over

n February 1789, the young Fanny Burney went walking in Kew. She had been warned on no account to encounter the King, George III, then supposedly mad and incarcerated in Kew Palace. To her horror. she rounded a bend and saw him before her, his doctors in atten-dance. "Miss Burney! Miss Burneyt" he called. She turned and fled. He pursued her round the gardens: "Heaven how I did run." Only when his attendants implored her did she stop. When the breathless king caught up with her, she was much surprised. He seemed quite normal. "Why did you run so?" the poor man asked.

This week the British monarchy chased after its public, caught up with it and declared itself normal. Fine. As for the royal finances, never was a topic more thoroughly demented, upended and torn apart. Requiescat in pace. After the horrors of the past year, perhaps the royal family can be left alone.

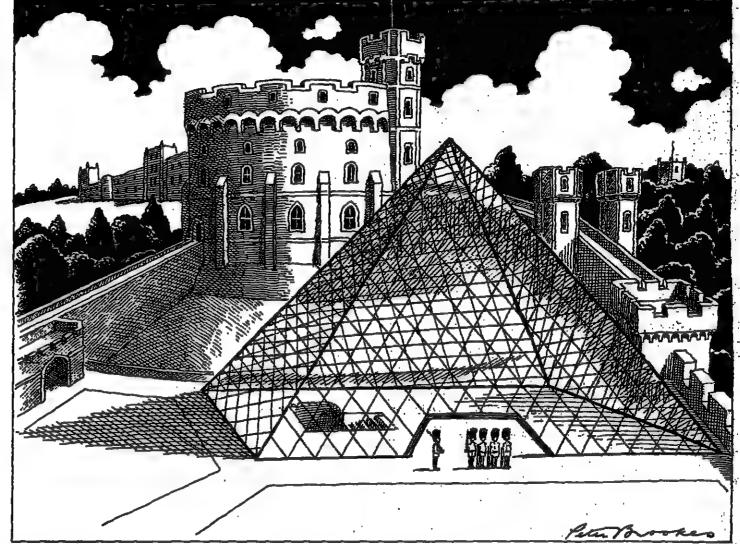
SIMON JENKINS

But not quite yet! There is the small matter of Windsor. Queens may come and queens may go, but royal palaces are for all time. As the heritage minister Peter Brooke has home but also a charge on the state. If the state is paying the piper, it should be permitted to suggest a few tunes.

The restoration of Windsor Castle will be a landmark in the history of modern taste. The restoration of Hampton Court was not such: the Wren building was a unity and reinstatement of the damaged rooms was feasible and clearly right. So too was the case with York Minster and Uppark, and even with the classical infilling of Trafal-

Windsor's exterior falls into the same category. Here is one of the great picturesque skyllnes of Europe. No matter that its outline is not medieval but mostly the 1824 design of Sir Jeffry Wyatville, who even added 30ft to the Round Tower. The effect is supremely beautiful. Seen from the Slough bend of the M4. Windsor floats on a cloud of Thames mist, the fairy tale castle of a monstrous monarch. But what to do with Wyatville's

lost interiors is deliciously problematic. Here in the east corner of the Upper Ward is a pile of charred rubble. The challenge is roughly similar to what confronted Wyatville after he had demolished the Restoration and older apartments. His St George's Hall was a gigantic medieval revival. The dining and drawing rooms were conventional Regency interiors. some of them altered later.



Once this wing of the castle has been investigated, should we reinstate all that can be recalled, or fill some or all of these spaces with modern designs? What we have lost is fine but not an architectural masterpiece, though St George's Hall is certainly a most "historic" room. There must be a difference of degree between old buildings that deserve conservation when standing and those so important as to merit recreation even when destroyed. Some of the Restoration and 12th-century work at Windsor is believed to have been uncovered by the fire. If so, which of the many

Windsors" should we reinstate? Newspaper letters columns have already been humming. The doyen of Brighton Pavilion, John Morley, declares that not to restore Wyatville's work would be "cultural barbarism". Many cite the postwar reconstruction of Warsaw or the recreation of "colonial" Williams-burg. On the other hand, the Royal Institute of British Architects wants to get its hands on Windsor, nissing Wyatville's work as

"Victorian pastiche". (It is neither: why does the RIBA, sponsor of so much past ugliness, have to clothe its greed in philistinism?) Others have more modestly called for a competition and a review of what rooms a modern palace really

wenty years ago, the out-come of this debate would have been unanimous and harsh. Modern architecture was incapable of such sensitive infilling. Not since Lutyens had an architect delivered the richness and decorative splendour of a great palace. The tradition of regular enhancement that made England's palaces and cathedrais an exhibarating kaleidoscope of style seemed exhausted. The ugliness of the Modern Movement exasperated public and Prince of Wales alike Preservation triumphed by default.

The battles that have followed the advent of "postmodernism" in the 1980s - as over Venturi's National Gallery - ended not in defeat of

one side or the other but in diversity. (Connoisseurs of die-hard Modernism should hurry to the Tate's Turner Prize show this week: lumps of fron, fish and dirty underpants, "helping to define the space in which they exist". What has the English language come tol) Architecture is now more ecumenical, certainly more exciting. Public and private buildings alike have emerged from the freezer. Whitfield's health department in Whitehall, Farrell's Seven Dials in Covent Garden, Gough's Bryanston, Hopkins's Financial Times, Dixon's plan for the Royal Opera. Porphyrios's for Magdalen College. Can architects such as these not rise to the challenge of the Windsor interiors?

When George IV sought to rebuild his castle. Wyatville defeated Nash and Smirke in competition. He destroyed too much for our liking, as Barry destroyed what was left of the old Palace of Westminster. But such destructiveness arose not from insensitivity to the past the Gothic revival was thoroughly

antiquarian - but from confidence in the present's ability to surpass the past

We reject the destructive side of that confidence. We move too fast. We need mementoes as links in the chain of history. This does not make us "age snobs" or "heritage nuts". We are simply sensitive to our surroundings, geographical and historical. To lack this sensitivity is to be mean of spirit. But where at Windsor the past has tragically gone, we really should offer some contribution to the historical medley of royal taste.

I am sure the damaged exterior and St George's Hall should be reinstated. But for the remaining rooms, if George IV could stomach a competition, could not the Prince of Wales? Architecture competitions have their risks, but they are a splendid stimulus to public taste. And what better way for the prince to show himself an ardent sponsor of modern design? If the outcome is the total reinstatement of Wyatville. nothing is lost. But it would be a poor comment on our age.

to help his favourite aspiring contemporary artists show their work in the Discerning Eye Exhibition,

which opened yesterday at Lon-don's Mall Galleries. Work by Sa-

rah Armstrong-Jones, niece of his

employer, was included in his

Lloyd may well be buying some of the exhibits for his own grace-

and-favour home near Bucking-

ham Palace. "All four of my

children have now grown up and

left home taking their posters and

Alas. Lloyd is unlikely to indulge

his interest in Italian art. He says:

"I am keen to collect modern ab-

stract and drawings. Like everyone

else, most of the time I can only

pictures with them," he said.

selection.

King Arthur courted

ARTHUR SCARGILL'S rehabilitation is complete. From being the trade union leader everybody used to love to hate, Scargill has now become a commercially marketable

commodity. HarperCollins, sensing the sea change in attitude to the NUM leader, has commissioned the first serious in-depth biography of the man who led the miners to a disastrous defeat at the hands of Mrs Thatcher.

It is being written by Paul Routledge, political correspondent of The Observer, who was a friend of Scargill's in the 1970s. "It was a time when Scargill cultivated the media more than he does now,"

Since the debade of the government's pit closure programme, Scargill has become an almost respectable figure. Indeed, his calls for support for his members led even the lords and ladies of Cheltenham to take to the streets in

sympathy. Earlier this week, Scargill rejected a request to be interviewed for the book, saying it would be "unfair and unwise" to co-operate as he had refused all other would-be biographers. But Routledge is undaunted. He will concentrate instead on the other major players of the past 20 years, including Joe Gormley, Scargill's predecessor, his lieutenants during the strike. Peter Heathfield, the then general secre-tary of the NUM, and Mick McGahey, his communist former

Sir Ian MacGregor, the coal board chairman, and Peter Walker, who was energy secretary during the strike, are likely to figure. Routledge says: "Arthur is an entertaining man, a fine mimic, and storyteller. He used to do a brilliant impersonation of MacGregor - the geriatric American butcher as he called him."

The book's working title is, perhaps predictably. King Arthur. a term Routledge claims to have coined himself. "It could be useful. I might even get a few foolish tourists buying the book, thinking

it is about the real King Arthur." Lord Walker, irritated by the apparent interest in his former enemy, has already decided not to talk to Routledge. Scargill took the miners out without a ballot. I do not want to be drawn into this. I am involved at the moment with the future of the coalfields. It would not



be helpful for me to tell you my personal feelings about Scargill." HarperCollins will publish the book next autumn, at the same time as its other blockbuster, Baroness Thatcher's memoirs, which will no doubt devote a chapter to

the coal strike.

 Having been a humble backbencher since being sacked from the Cabinet in 1987, John Biffen has been rewarded. Biffen has for the first time been voted most impressive backbencher in a Mori poll of MPs. Polling 32 per cent, a 22 per cent rise on last year, Biffen had almost double the number of votes of Dennis Skinner, the runner up. Biffen, a former Leader of the House, was famously described as "semi-detached" in a Downing Street lobby briefing, shortly before being sacked.

Gruesome exit

TO mark the start of the single market, on January I, the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel in London is holding a "Best of Britain" weekend. It promises to be a gruesome affair for the last weekend of the

"Land of Hope and Glory" will replace the Hyan's normal music. Staff will be dressed in patriotic red. white and blue uniforms. There will be teddy bears, carpet slippers and hot water bottles in every room. Bacon and eggs for breakfast. The merest mention of the word cappuccino will result in immediate expulsion.

Winston recalled

CROWN Prince Hassan of Jordan, who delivered the English Speak-ing Union's Churchill lecture at the Guildhall, recalled his one "brief and memorable" conversation with the great man. Hassan, who was standing in on Thursday night for his alling brother King Husain,

will never forget the encounter.
On one of Churchil's pilgrimages back to his old school, Harrow, Hassan, a young pupil, was ushered into the headmaster's study. With the obligatory cigar in his mouth, Churchill looked the youngster up and down. "So," said





Nesta Wynn Ellis (above) has discovered her idol has feet of clay. Her gushing biography of John Major left hardened political journalists reaching for the sick bag. She is now at work on another book about the prime minister, this time documenting his two years in office. The title? The Road to Ruin.

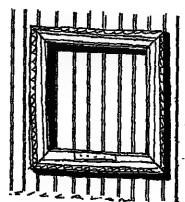
the man who negotiated the establishment of the Hashemite kingdom, "your grandfather was bumped off in Jerusalem." The young prince could think of no suit-

Lloyd's listing

AS THE dean-up operation con-tinues at Windsor Castle, Christo-

pher Lloyd, the Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, has lent his support to a group of artists less well known than the ones whose work were destroyed in the great fire. Lloyd, who has worked round the clock supervising the clean-up, admitted it had been a very hard week. "I am surprised I am still

standing." But he has recovered sufficiently



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THE BILL FOR MAASTRICHT

Britain's budget for the EC deserves a better hearing

In a remarkable break with tradition, the foreign and finance ministers of the European Community have managed to talk about money for two days in Brussels, without more than a few drops of blood staining the carpets. Mr Lamont dared to put forward British presidency proposals for EC spending over the next seven years which would reduce its budget growth below levels envisaged by Jacques Delors. The EC president duly wheeled out his spokesman yesterday to denounce the British plans, without justification, as a mean-minded failure to "conform with the spirit of Maastricht". For once, M Delors's stiletto missed its mark.

Formally, there is deadlock. In practice, not only has Mr Lamont lived to tell the tale. He has firm support from Germany and The Netherlands. Italy and France support the principle of tight budgetary discipline, although France is toying with trading more money against support for obstructing a

Gatt deal. The four poorest states in the EC

— Greece. Spain, Portugal and Ireland went through the motions of denouncing his plans, but with the main net contributors in broad agreement, they know they must bargain realistically. The opera is by no means over, but agreement on the EC sevenyear budget at the Edinburgh summit now seems more likely than it did when the British assumed the presidency last July.
That is no mean achievement. The

Maastricht treaty - because it commits the EC's richer states in principle to put up 'convergence" money to help the four poorest qualify for monetary union by narrowing the economic gap — has exacer-bated the underlying tensions in the EC between gainers and losers from EC spending. Mr Lamont has made a genuine

effort to bridge this north-south gap.

M Delors explicitly presented his "Delors II" package as the bill for Maastricht. Even in its more modest revised form, it would raise states' contributions to EC coffers from 1.2 per cent of overall gross national product to 1.32 per cent — from this year's 61 billion Ecus to Ecu 83 billion by 1999. The British

counter-proposal accepts that more money will be needed. It would probably trim the 1999 total in cash terms by only Ecu4 billion. But it would freeze the ceiling for contributions at 1.2 per cent for the first three years, and raise it only to 1.25 per cent by 1999. The EC would thus receive a smaller proportion of its members' wealth.

Where Mr Lamont has been politically astute is in carving up the total. Where the four poorest states are concerned, the British "cohesion fund" fund offer, at Ecul 2.5 billion, is generous. Mr Lamont has offset that by taking an axe to M Delors's plans for spending on research and development, and trans-European communications. Yesterday, M Delors singled out for criticism Britain's proposals to trim back his plans to increase "structural"spending on poorer regions of the EC and on overseas aid. But yesterday was hardly the moment for him to swell with righteous indignation."

The latest report by the EC's Court of Auditors, published this week, yet again underlines how miserably inadequate is the commission's accounting control of its existing budget. Fraud and waste riddle not only the common agricultural policy, where the auditors picked out multi-million pound fraud subsidies to non-existent olive growers but also, as in the auditors' case of the superhighway through a remote Cameroon jungle, the EC aid programme. Mr Lamont is right to concentrate increases in development aid on humanitarian relief for Africa, and technical assistance for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Since EC spending has yet to reach its existing ceiling, a three-year freeze is reasonable. Agreement on a new budget is still important, because the Twelve have, mistakenly, made negotiations on enlarging the Community's membership contingent on a deal. But not at the price set by M Delors. With tax revenues shrinking and domestic spending rising across recessionhit Europe, Mr Lamont's insistence on budgetary discipline in Brussels deserves the serious hearing it got this week.

TIME FOR MERCY

2,200 days in solitary confinement are enough even for treason

The appointment of Moshe Raviv as Israel's ambassador this week is a cause for celebration. As a former minister, graduate of London University and noted Anglophile. .. Mr Raviv is especially well placed to strengthen the already intimate links between this country and his own. In that spirit --- of goodwill, it is to be hoped that he takes note of mounting British concern for the plight of Mordechai Vanunu, the imprisoned technician who revealed secrets of Israel's nuclear stockoile six years ago.

Mr Vanunu, whose descriptions of Israel's nuclear reactor centre at Dimona were published by *The Sunda*r ilmes in Uctober 1986, has been held in isolation for more than six years. His cell in Ashkelon Prison near Jerusalem measures 6ft by 10ft, with a drain hole that doubles as shower and lavatory. For the first two and a half years of his captivity, a video camera and fluorescent light flickered continously above the prisoner.

Access to his family and lawyer is still severely restricted. His exercise is taken in a private yard, away from other prisoners. His health and mental condition are unstable. In 1989, Amnesty International described these circumstances as "cruel, inhuman and degrading": a conclusion that ordinary compassion would seem to require.

The humanitarian case for an improvement in these conditions is overwhelming. But the simplicity of that case has been obscured by the debate about the morality of the disenchanted technician's original action and Israel's response to his treachery.

From one corner (populated by a mixed

group of human rights activists and antinuclear campaigners), it has been argued that Mr Vanunu's original disclosures were a service to the international community and that his abduction from Rome by Israeli agents was an outrageous breach of international law. Those who support Israel's steadfast position in the case say that any state whose nuclear secrets were betrayed would have acted with equal vigour, and that it is unjust to single out a uniquely embattled friend and ally for criticism.

The British government would certainly have been enraged if Israel had criticised the ear sentence given to George Blake in 1961. Nations will always punish their traitors. But the punishment need not be one of systematic cruelty. Klaus Fuchs, the physicist who betrayed Britain's atomic secrets to the Russians, was allowed to give evening classes to his fellow inmates during his nine-year sentence.

Little positive can be achieved now by Mr Vanunu's continued isolation. What the whistle-blower had to tell he told to nuclear scientists in London. The claim that any relaxation of Vanunu's prison regime would jeopardise state secrets is a grim echo of the specious grounds used to keep Jewish refuseniks in the Soviet Union.

President Herzog should be asked to consider the full case for elemency. At least, the time has surely come for an improvement in prison conditions. As a noted humanitarian. he may conclude that 2,200 days in solitary confinement is punishment enough for even the most serious crime - and that justice is purest when seasoned by mercy.

HEAD OF THE QUEUE

Resources need to be pumped into brain research

The study of the brain, man's least understood organ, has been neglected since the time of Hippocrates. It is more than 300 years since William Harvey revealed the secret of the circulation of the blood. Yet, until a generation ago, little progress had been made in understanding the inside of man's head. The earliest discoveries about the way nerve cells communicate were made by scientists who are still working in universities today.

Partly this is because of the complexity of the brain. The heart is a relatively straightforward pump on which mechanical repairs can be performed, often with impressive results. Work on the brain is more complex, more demanding, and more risky.

The launch this week of a new charity, the Brain and Spine Foundation, seeks to increase awareness of work on the brain and raise funds for research. There are good reasons why this is needed. Neurological disorders are the commonest cause of disability in Britain, affecting one and a half million people. One million are treated in hospital every year for head injuries, more than 100.000 are admitted following strokes, and 30 million working days are lost

each year as a result of back pain. There have been successes in coping with this toll. Deaths from serious head injuries have fallen, as awareness has grown of the importance of getting medical help within the first "golden" hour. This has been

achieved without an increase in the number of people who survive only to endure a living death, paralysed and insensate. New drugs and surgical techniques have been developed to treat people with strokes, with promising results.

The availability of these techniques is, however, as limited as coronary bypasses were 20 years ago. Only 40 hospitals in the UK have brain specialists, a smaller proportion of our total medical manpower than in any other industrialised country. Even if the numbers were doubled overnight, only 10 per cent of the victims of strokes and head injuries would be seen by a specialist.

One consequence of low manpower is that fewer funds are available for teaching and research. Many doctors and nurses remain ignorant of the basic principles of the care of these patients. While most people have some idea of the symptoms of a heart attack, few

know the warning signs of a stroke.

The return on higher investment would be substantial. Brain surgery, for all the skill required, is a crude process of cleaning clogged arteries and staunching bleeds. But it is more effective, less expensive and less dangerous than often thought. Every medical specialty will argue that it deserves more funds. But occasionally the pace of advance, and the scale of the need, demand an adjustment in the balance. When new resources become available, the head should be favoured over the heart.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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principally because of the total and disgraceful lack of support from the

West; but that is not enough for Mr

Jenkins. They are apparently to con-

tinue to suffer murder, rape, dis-

possession and ethnic cleansing on a massive scale, and ultimately to go

into the long night of their own extinction, not gently, but without a

And we must not feel bad about

abandoning them, it seems; indeed by

leaving them to their fate we actually

help to bring the war to an end, either

by their expulsion or extinction or

both! Might is not only to be right, it is

to be given a helping hand.

A policy based on such principles

might help Her Majesty's govern-ment to justify its wholly inadequate

response to the crisis. Even the urging

of MPs to allow arms to be supplied to

the Bosnian Muslims, so that they can

at least defend themselves, produces

the knee-jerk response that this would

The corollary of that answer is.

surely, that by not supplying the victims the means to defend them-

selves, and thereby contributing to

their further murder, expulsion etc.,

Such considerations receive short

shrift from Mr Jenkins. His remedy, in his own words, is "by seeking to sustain the losing side, however just its

cause, interventionists merely prolong

the agony". In other words, don't

help, don't succour, be a hystander,

but with a good conscience! And perhaps, when it is all over, Par-

liament will once again mark its concern with a further two minutes of

silence, as it did on December 17.

Mr Jenkins's proposition has at least the merit of clarity; but its total

heartlessness represents the shame of

our age and a warrant for genocide.

From Wing Commander J. Deverill

Sir. Simon Jenkins's article is ill-

founded. In your own pages in recent days you have carried reports on the

excellent work being done by our troops in Bosnia, including the contribution by the Royal Engineers

in opening up supply routes and the

deployment of our armoured person-

nel carriers to protect a warehouse of

relief supplies in Travnik (report, early

As to the dangers and inconve-

nience, unless I am much mistaken,

our men prefer to be digging out an

APC from Bosnian mud rather than

from the mud on Salisbury Plain,

which is just as cold and unpleasant.

Soldiers prefer to work for a worth-while cause and take difficulties in

their stride. You do not join the services for security and a soft life.

Yours etc.

FRED BARSCHAK.

AUBREY NEWMAN

Tavistock Square, WC1.

editions, November 24).

Yours sincerely, JOHN DEVERILL,

The National Yad Vashem

BEN HELFGOTT.

Charitable Trust.

Woburn House,

1942, for the massacre of the Jews.

"escalate the conflict".

you de-escalate the conflict.

UK responsibilities in the Balkans

From Lord Hylton and others

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Playing at soldiers in Bosnia", November 25) is correct to repeat the warnings of many observers that UN operations in Bosnia are doomed. But that should not lead us to abdicate, as Mr Jenkins suggests, our responsibilities towards securing peace in the Balkans.

The war in Bosnia-Herzegovina is manifestly not a civil war. Bosnia was recognised as an independent, sovereign state by Britain, other EC states and much of the rest of the world on April 7, 1992. Serbian actions in the republic - which include "ethnic leansing", repeated bombardment of Sarajevo and other towns, and forced partition — can only be seen as the aggression of one state against another. Neither are all sides in the war

equally guilty for the escalation of the conflict. The blame for the Bosnian war lies squarely with the regime of Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade. His designs for a "Greater Serbia", in which non-Serbs have no place, threaten not only Bosnia, but Macedonia and Kosovo too.

Unless decisive measures are taken. we will end up as speciators to a bloody Balkan war which will include Greece, Turkey (both Nato members), Albania and Bulgaria. We should not wait for that before we realise the dangers to our own security.

As winter takes hold, it is imperative that we act to relieve Bosnia and avoid a Balkan catastrophe. Bosnians, as US president-elect Bill Clinton has pointed out, have the right to defend themselves. We should therefore push for the exemption of Bosnia from the arms embargo against the former Yugoslav republics.

Given the failure of the EC's peace conference to reverse Serb gains, it is also necessary that Western air power be used to neutralise Serbian artillery and aerial bombardment. Those who doubt the wisdom of such a move should recall the London conference in August, when Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serb militants, agreed to remove his artillery within 96 hours; that pledge, as the fall of the strategic town of Jajce demonstrated, was worthless.

Finally, the EC should act to restore Bosnia as a multi-ethnic republic within its recognised borders.

Yours faithfully. HYLTON. PATRICK CORMACK, RUSSELL JOHNSTON, Action for Bosnia,

From Mr Fred Barschak and others

Sir, As a body, and as individuals many of whom were "ethnically cleansed" themselves some 50 years ago, we are horrified at the policy urged by Simon Jenkins - a policy which makes Neville Chamberlain's (Munich, 1938: should we fight for a country which is far away and of which we know little?") seem like a heroic clarion call

The Bosnian Muslims have lost, we are told; indeed they have, and

Opt-out harassment

Sir, Councillor Chris Adamson (letter.

November 18) imputes pique at one ballot result in south-west London as the motive for a "campaign" by the education secretary against harassment by local education authorities of

schools which seek grant-maintained

(GM) status. There is a mass of

In Newcastle recently children went

home in tears from the feeder school of a school seeking GM status after

being told, wrongly, that they would not be able to follow their siblings

Birmingham's education chairman

criticised a council employee who was chairman of the governors of a school

in a different local education authority

(LEA) where parents voted for grant-

In other cases postal votes have been improperly collected from ethnic-minority parents.

evidence to justify Mr Patten's action:

From Mr Andrew Turner

In Nottingham parents were told that free meals and support for specialneeds pupils would not be available should a school become GM.

52 Kings Road, Alton, Hampshire.

In Salford and in Staffordshire heads' resignations have been demanded where they allegedly supported GM

In Hackney threats of legal action have been used to intimidate lay governors and a headteacher who rightly fear it could bankrupt them. Many LEAs and most GM ballots

provide no cause for concern. But the pressure on public servants by their employers, on volunteer governors by LEAs with the limitless resources of the poll-taxpayer at their command. and on the most vulnerable parents, ethnic minorities among them, is too great a challenge for a minister to

Your obedient servant, ANDREW TURNER (Director). Choice in Education. 36 Great Smith Street, SW1. November 23.

Arms for Iraq

From Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP for Coventry North West (Labour)

Sir, In the heat of the arms-for-Iraq debate in Parliament (report, November 23) there is a grave danger that the crucial importance to the outcome of the trial of the disclosure of information subject to public interest immunity (PII) certificates will be underestimated. Both Mr Heseltine and Mr Rickind said in the debate that the production of the evidence played no role whatsoever, and that it was solely the inconsistency in the testimony of Mr Alan Clark that destroyed the prosecution's case.

But that inconsistency would not have emerged if the judge had accepted the ministers' certificates and not made the PII documents available to the defence.

In justifying their signing the certificates, ministers have claimed they could not know what the de ience's case would be. But they did know what the charges against the accused were; and anyone who had read the documents ought to have known that the charges would not stand up against the information withheld.

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Is then the ministers' defence that they were ignorant of the charges, or that they had not read or understood the documents they signed?

In any event, both their conduct and the proceedings in court are deeply disturbing. In the end the information was only obtained by the undermining of the defence's right to silence, by the tenacity of one defence counsel and the courage of one man deter-mined to clear his name despite the grave risk to which he was exposing

It can't be right to rely on such a combination of unacceptable and unpredictable factors to avoid a miscarriage of justice. I hope that the Scott enquiry will look into these

Yours sincerely.
GEOFFREY ROBINSON. House of Commons. November 24.

Weekend Money letters, page 28

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Bridges across the Church divide

From the Canon Chancellor

Sir. The former Bishop of London, Graham Leonard, seeks a way for himself and others to "seek relation-ship with the Roman Catholic Church" (article, November 20) but I am puzzled by the stated desire to "preserve (their) Anglican identity". Surely, this is impossible.

'Anglican".

separate identity is simply to keep together a fellowship of ex-Anglicans.

Should Bishop Leonard and others move to Rome, the Roman Catholic Church would undoubtedly be enriched and we should be the poorer. But I do hope the idea of a separate identity falls through. It is much more fun swimming with the rest in the main pool, whether it be Anglican or

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL F. H. BANKS. Chancellor's House. 3 Morland Avenue, Leicester.

From the Reverend Canon B. L. Hebblethwaite

Sir, I fear that the former Bishop of

The distinction between church and sect, as refined by the theologian/ sociologist Ernst Troeltsch at the turn of the century, clearly identifies the criteria of the "sect" type as a relatively closed community of "born-again" Christians, condemning the values

The theologically sound and pastorally wise decision to endorse vocations to the priesthood irrespective of gender is therefore the very reverse of

BRIAN HEBBLETHWAITE (Dean). Queens' College, Cambridge.

From Dr R. T. Beckwith

Sir, Your editorial of November 21 is at variance with the account which you gave of an interview with Dr Graham Leonard, published the previous day. As you quite rightly said in your account of the interview, Dr Leonard is in effect calling for a uniate church to be formed in England for

former Anglo-Catholic dergy and

The Anglican Communion has never been other than comprehensive. What identifies us as Anglicans is our willingness to hold in creative tension catholic, reformed, liberal and now pentecostal schools of thought. To leave this means leaving what is distinctively Anglican. So what is the separate identity that Bishop Leonard wants to preserve? It cannot be called

He mentions the continuing use of Anglican rites. This is odd as, in my experience, those who think his way use the Roman rite already. He mentions the recognition of Anglican orders, but if Rome were to do this, they would have to recognise the orders of all ordained Anglicans. It seems that the reason for preserving a

London compounds theological illiteracy - in thinking there to be a serious doctrinal issue behind the decision to ordain women priests with sociological illiteracy in deeming the Church of England to have become a sect.

and institutions of ordinary society.

This is an entirely realistic sugges-

tion, and deserves to be sympatherically considered by Anglo-Catholics alongside the other possibility of alternative episcopal oversight within the Church of England, even if conditional re-ordination were in-

Far from being a medieval idea, the uniate churches are very much alive today, and are indeed the chief reason for the tension which has recently arisen between the Orthodox and Rome in the former Soviet countries.

Moreover, certain Anglican congregations seem already to have been received into such a relationship by the Roman Catholic Church in the USA, and Dr Leonard is simply asking that the same should happen in England, though in a more organised way. As you reported, he had consulted Roman Catholics before making the proposal, and their initial response has been quite warm.

In a uniate relationship, a church has separate episcopal oversight from other Roman Catholic churches, and within this it is allowed to retain much of its traditional liturgy and canon law, including often its married clergy. The price it pays is that it accepts the authority of the Pope and defined Roman Catholic doctrine in

My impression of English Anglo-Catholics is that many of them (not all, and I am rather surprised to find Dr Leonard among them) would regard this as an easy price to pay. Being myself an evangelical, committed to the 39 Articles and prayer book left us by our reformers, I could not possibly

Yours faithfully, R. T. BECKWITH (Warden), Latimer House. 131 Banbury Road, Oxford.

From Mrs Josephine Robinson

Sir. Pope John Paul II made it plain when he last visited the USA that the Roman Catholic Church has not, cannot and will not "ordain" women to the ministerial priesthood. Cardinal Hume said the decision of the Synod of the Church of England was a "new and additional obstacle" to ecumenical relations (report, November 12). Sister Myra Poole of the St Joan's International Alliance, which, according to their AGM in 1990, had 44 members, was reported last week as saying the Catholic Church will fordain" women within 20 years.

We, the Association of Catholic Women, cheerfully believe our Pope and our cardinal rather than Sister Myra Poole. The church is not supposed to be about jobs for the boys or girls: it is not about seeking power, as Our Lord made plain. The male priesthood, as the icon of Christ, who was male, does not in any way betoken the inferiority of women.

I should think not! Yours faithfully. JOSEPHINE ROBINSON (Chairman, Association of Catholic Women). 16 Cheyne Row, SW3.

Windsor Castle

From Mr Patrick Scrivenor

Sir, Today's letters from Stephen Greenberg, Mallory Wober and Michael Manser make the blood run How often have architects made

promises like "modern methods ... allow glass to be used architecturally on a scale and with a subtlety which would be the envy of the nineteenthcentury pioneers"? How many architectural competitions have we endured? How often have modern architects used pretentious terminology like "replicated". "thin-skin pas-

tiche" and "aesthetic failure"? All too often and many, and the results have been brutal, ugly and invariably uninteresting. Are we to have a wing of Windsor Castle that looks like the Economist building, the Lloyd's building, or any of the countless modern structures that have made London one of the ugliest cities

in Europe?
The Moderns have had their way with the London skyline. Let them leave the view from the M25 alone.

Yours sincerely, PATRICK SCRIVENOR. I Bowzell Green Cottages. Weald, Kent. November 27.

On the beach

From Dr Steve Jones

Sir, Your diarist should have listened more carefully to last week's Desert Island Discs before writing his withy piece (November 21) accusing me of not knowing the name of the Sec-retary of State for Education. Had he done so he would have learned that it was a repeat of a programme first broadcast when Kenneth Clarke was indeed in that post. I requested the stuffed body of Mr Clarke as my luxury object. John Patten farci would, I agree, be

less substantial item than would the present Home Secretary: but I am glad to repeat my offer to honour either of them in the lashion which they so clearly deserve.

Harris 15-5-84-0, Junes 1-6-3-0; Crowe 2-0-10-0. Umplies K T Francis and T w

Yours faithfully. STEVE JONES. 31 Camden Square, NW1. November 22.

Eyes on South Africa From Mr John Macdonald, QC

Sir. Your excellent leader on South Africa (November 20) rightly urges President de Klerk to give the Goldstone commission on violence greater powers even if its enquiries lead "to the doors of the cabinet and the highest echelons of the army".

Mr Justice Goldstone on November 16 called on his government and the international community to assist his investigations. The British government must give further practical help.

I was in South Africa in March with the International Commission of Jurists. Our report suggested a team of 100 international monitors with 300 back-up staff, a secure communications system and adequate trans-port. We envisaged that the team would monitor the performance of the law-enforcement agencies against the codes of conduct agreed in the peace

Recent events underline the importance of strengthening the United Nations. EC and Commonwealth teams in South Africa.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MACDONALD. 12 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. November 20.

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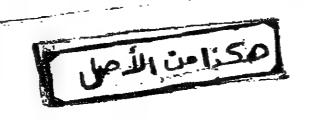
From Mr C. Eliot-Cohen

Sir, Last weekend our 24-year-old son invited seven of his friends home to stay. As always, they were quite delightful and great fun.

However on Monday, when my wife started to clear up the chaos left in their wake, she discovered that they had left behind a pair of wellington boots, two pairs of trainers, a pair of walking boots, a thick jersey, a thin jersey, a hair-drier, a blazer, a rucksack and a suitcase (full of clothes).

It is now Wednesday and so far not a single item has been claimed. I cannot help feeling that this is the ultimate in the "throwaway society".

Sincerely yours, C. ELIOT-COHEN, Hilldrop Farm. Ramsbury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, November 25.



scored 30 and Salim Malik 100k three Wickets for 37. SCORES: Palestants 167 (44.1 overs) West Australian Invitation XI 166 for 6 (45 overs) Paristants won by one run

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE November 27: The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir Cennydd Traherne, KG, at the Memorial Service for Sir Geraint Evans which was held this morn-London SW1.

YORK HOUSE November 27: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning visited the Yehudi Menuhin School,

Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham, Surrey. Mrs Colin Marsh was in

attendance. The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel in Chief of the Royal Dragoon Guards, this evening attended the Officers' Regimental Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Piccadilly. London Wi. Miss Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Kriss Akabusi, athlete, 34; Dr G.S.G. Beveridge, vice-chancellor. Oueen's University, Belfast, 59; Lady Bottomley, 86; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 65; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 68; Sir David Croom-Johnson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78; Mr F.C.H. du Preez, rugby player, 57; Mr Ter-ence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 60; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews. Dunkeld and Dunblane, 67; Miss Enid Lakeman, editorial consultant, Electoral Reform Society, 89: Lord Macdonald, 45: Mr Keith Miller, cricketer. 73; General Sir David Mostyn, 64; Miss Dervla. Murphy, author, 61; Sir Idris Pearce, charactered surveyor, 59; the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 72; Sir Lewis Robertson, industrialist, 70; Mr H.S. Tate, chairman, London FOX. 61.

Mr F. Lestie Preston has celebrated his 89th birthday and not his 65th as announced yesterday. We apologise for the error.

TOMORROW: Professor Sir Ivor Batchelor, psychiatrist, 76; Mr George Cansdale, author, 83; Sir Derek Day, diplomat, 65; Sir Eric the Earl of Effingham, 87; Professor Sir Michael Howard, historian, 70; Professor Sir Frank Kermode, former professor of English literature, 73; Mr Geof-frey Moorhouse, writer, 61; Professor Edith Penrose, economic consultant, 78; Dame Shirley Porter, former leader, Westminster Council, 62; Professor D.W. Rhind, director-general, Ord-nance Survey, 49; Mr Toby Robertson, theatre, opera and television director, 64: Sir James Scott-Hopkins, MEP, 71; Mrs Justice Janet Smith, 52; Sir David Steel, former chairman, the Wellcome Trust, 76; Sir John Templeton, financial analyst, 80; Sir Peter Tennant, former directorgeneral British National Export

liams, warden, Toynbee Hall, 62.

Dinners

Marshall Aerospace and Hunting A dinner was held at the Officers' Mess, RAF Lyneham, last night to mark 25 years of Lockheed Hercu-

les aircraft in Royal Air Force service. Guests were received by the Chairmen and Managing Directors of Marshall Aerospace and Hunting Airmotive whose com-panies sponsored the dinner. Mr Michael Marshall. Chairman and Chief Executive of Marshall Aerospace, presided and the other principal speaker was Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, DIESPIN WETE:

Present Were:

Alt Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon Ichief of the Air Stait. Mr Ken Miller Ichief eacurive, Huming pici, Mr Gordon Williams Ichief eacurive, Huming pici, Mr Gordon Williams Ichief eacurive, Huming Almostre, Mr Bob McAndrew (Director of International Marketing Lockheed Corporation). Group Capatin David Adams (Station Commander), members of the first RAF Hertules craw and sentor representatives from the Ministry of Defence, the Royal Air Force, the French, Belgian, Greek and Thai Air Forces and the United Kingdom and United Scalin grintion Industries. High Court Journalists'

The annual dinner of the High Court Journalists' Association was held last night at the Law Society. The chairman, Mr Paul Magrath, the Independent Law Report, presided. Lord Justice Simon Brown, Mr Marcel Berlins and Mr David Pannick, QC, also spoke. Among

Paintick, QC, also spoke. Among others present were:
Levi Williams of Mostyn, QC, (Chairman of the Barl, Mr Justice Holling, Mr Justice Pholings, Mr Justice Chadwick, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith (The Independent). Mr Jonathan Fenby (The Guartian), Mr Peter Roberts (The Times), Mr Andrew Hotchinson (The Dally Telegraph), Mr Shuar Kottner (Wess of the World) and Mr David Venables (Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court).

Appointments Mr Theo Viljoen and Mr David

Evans, QC, to be Circuit Judges. Mr Villoen assigned to the South Eastern circuit and Mr Evans to Wales and Chemen Mr Martin Roth to be Chief

Memorial services

Davies, tenor. Mr Ryland Davies, tenor, and Mr Gwynne Howell, bass, sang the quintet from Die Meistersinger by Wagner, and Mr House Chorus and orchestra sang "Wach auf" from Die Meistersinger, conducted by Sir Colin

terday in Westminster Abbey. The Rev Jonathan Goodall. The Dean of Westminster officichaplain and sacrist, the Rev Dr ated, assisted by the Rev Paul John Tudor and the Rev Lloyd Ferguson, precentor, the Rev Elfed Williams, the Right Rev Ivor Rees, Rees were robed and in the Sanctuary. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, and Lady Callaghan, Bishop of St Davids and the Rev Colin Semper. Mr Donald Sinden read the lesson and Mr Stuart the Lady Mayoress of West-minster, the Chairman of Carmar-Burrows read a letter from Mozart then District Council and Mrs to his dying father which Sir Evans, the Chairman of Dyfed Geraint had read at the service of County Council, and the High thanksgiving for the life and work Sheriff of Dyfed and Mrs Green of Dame Eva Turner held in attended. Among others present Westminster Abbey in 1991. Sir John Tooley gave an address.

attended. Among others present were:

Lady Evans (widow), Mr and Mrs Alum Evans and Mr and Mrs Hogh Evans (sons and daughers-la-law), Miss Charlotte Evans (granddaugher), Mr Miss D R Ashby, Dr and Mrs P M Ashby, Mr and Mrs T of Ashby, Mr and Mrs W F M Ashby, Mr and Mrs W F Mrs Wor K Mrs W Mrs Mrs W Mrs W

Counties and the Count of Royal National Estendiod. Mr Aton Michael. Mr Priends of weish National Operal and Mrs Michael. Mr Douglas Craig (Pefends of Sadiers Weils), Mr Martin Williams Divisional Mr Douglas Craig (Pefends of Sadiers Weils), Mr Martin Williams Divisional Receivable Parid, Miss Andrey Langford (Senish Operal, Mr Derek Cank Elf'Y). Or P M North (Jesus College, Ordrei), Mr Edmand Five (Weish College of Music and Dranta), Mr T A Owen (Weish Aris Council), Mr) G M Rowards (Guild for the Prozaption of Weish Music, Mr D H Davies (Weish Heart Research Institute). Mr Tony Pristawee (Victor Hocharder), Mr Duy Pristawee (Victor Hocharder), Mr Luke Bitmer Softnebyri, Regadier Rolph Husses (London Weish Rughy Pootbail Clab), Father Anthony Ruser (RC Chaplain, Oxford University).

Dr and Mrs P Andry, Mrs A Armoldi, Mrs P Arrowsmith, Mr Norman Ayrhon, Mrs Pand States, Mr and Mrs Kim Bogley, Mr Christopher Riggins, Mrs Relietly Bryan, Mrs Susan Balloch, Mrs Tones Cahili, Mr and Mrs B Edwards, Mr Davies, Mr and Mrs B Edwards, Mr and Mrs Paul Findley, Mr David, Fingleion, Mr Derek Fowler, Mr Prench, Mr Noel Goodwin, Mrs S A Gortinsis, Mr and Mrs Peter Holmes, Mrs Anthony Hopkins, Mrs Anthony Hopkins, Mrs Peters Happer, Mr Mrs Gollian Mrs David Lioyd, Mrs Candy Mrs Gollian Mrs David Lioyd, Mrs Gollian Mrs David Lioyd, Mrs Gollian Mrs David Lioyd, Mrs Gollian Mrs David Suramerscale

Sir Edward Singleton A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Edward Singleton was held yesterday at the Church of St Michael Paternoster Royal. The Rev Richard Mulkern officiated. Mr Peter Singleton, son, read Holland and Captain Michael Huston, RN, brother-in-law, read the lesson. Mr Roger Formby, parmer, Macfarlanes, gave an address. Among those present

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Were

Lady Singleion (widow), Mr Andrew and
Lady Amelia Singleton (son and
dangmer-in-law), Mr Rodney Singleton
(son), Mr and Mrs Ben Frenci (son-in-law
and dangmer-in-law). Colonel and Mrs
Michael Singleion (brother and sister-to-law), Major John Singleion (brother), Miss
Froma Singleion and Miss Catherine
Singleton grandCaughters), Mr Alazair
Singleton, Miss Tess Singleion, Mr Mark
Singleion, Mrs and Mrs Christopher
Humon, Mr and Mrs Ian Humon.

Royal engagements TODAY: The Duchess of Kent will

antend a concert in Winchester College at 7.20 to mark the completion of the cathedral's fundraising appeal. TOMORROW: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the North London Chorus gala concert at Queen Elizabeth at 7.50 in aid of the North London Hospice.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the London Suzuki Group, will attend a concert at St. John's Smith Square at 2.50.

Marriage Mr P.S.C. Ross Skinner

and Miss K. Gad The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 21, at St Alban's Church, Copenhagen, of Paul, son of Mr H.J.C. Ross Skinner and Mrs Rosemary Ross Skinner, to Kristine, elder daughter of Mr and Denmark. The Rev Denis Capes officiand. Mr Patrick Miles was

Forthcoming marriages (

Flight Lieutenant S.N. Aston and Miss J.C. Davies The engagement is announced between Suphen, son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Aston, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs Picton Davies, of Fleet, Hampshire. Mr T.M. Foster

and Miss C.P. Hicks The engagement is announced between Michael eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.B. Foster. of Wirksworth Derbyshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E.C. Hicks, of Slough, Berkshire. Mr J.R. Hall

and Miss J.N. Campbell The engagement is announced between John, twin son of Professor Reginald Hall, CBE, and Dr Molly Hall, of Llandaff. Cardiff. and Jacqueline, twin daughter of Mr Norman Campbell OBE and Mrs Sheilah Campbell, of Jakarta, Indonesia. Mr K.G. Halligan

and Miss N.H. Walsh The engagement is announced between Kari Gerard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Halligan, of Templeogue, Dublin, and Nerissa Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Jackson Walsh, of Shadwell, Leeds. Mr A.S. Kekeh

and Miss K.M. Cook The forthcoming marriage is announced between Alexis, youngest son of M and Mme Henri Kekeh, of Lome, Togo, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr Nigel Cook, of Twickenham, and Mrs Susan Cowell, of Hampton

and Miss V.J. Philip The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Nye, of Homey Common East Susset - and Victoria elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.F. Philip, of Forbam,

Mr G.L. Piggott and Miss C.L. Johns

The engagement is announced between Graham Langdon, son of the late Mr Mark Piggott and of Mrs Hazel Piggott, of Gosport, Hampshire, and Caroline Lisa, eider daughter of Captain and Mrs Robin Johns, of Southsea. Hampshire.

Mr N.M. Thompson and Miss E.J. Fletcher The engagement is announced between Neil Marshall, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey William Marshall Thompson, of Ardingly, Sussex, and Emma, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Felix John Fletcher, of Drayton, Somemer, Mr P.J. Treherne Poliock and Miss R.A. Hall-Craggs The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Mirand

Mrs David Treheme Pollock of The Chase, London, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Mr 45. and Mrs John Hall-Craggs, of Brightwalton, Berkshire. Mr T.W. Woodard

and Miss J.A.J. Clegg
The engagement is announced
between Thomas, only son of Mr Tom Woodard and Mrs Dapline Woodard, of the West Midlands, and Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Morris Clegg, of Gawsworth, Cheshire.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday in Advent

Sir Geraint Evans

The Prince of Wales was repre-

sented by Colonel Sir Cennydd

Traherne, KG, and the Duke and

Duchess of Kent by Commander

Roger Walker, RN, at a service of

thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Geraint Evans held yes-

Mr Bryn Terfel, baritone, sang "Lord God of Abraham" from

Elijah by Mendelssohn, con-

ducted by Sir Edward Downes,

and "Monologue" from Falstaff, by Verdi, conducted by Sir Georg

Solti. Mr Thomas Allen, baritorne, sang "Tutto e Disposto" from Le nozze di Figaro hy Mozart, con-

notze di Figuro by Mozart, con-ducaed by Mr Bernard Haitink, Miss Amanda Roocroft, soprano, Miss Anne Howells, mezzo-so-prano, and Mr Stafford Dean, bass baritone, sang the Act I Trio from Cosi fan tutte by Mozart, conducted by Sir Georg, Mr Dennis O'Neill, tenor, sang "Una Eustine Lorsing" from Unia

Furtiva Lagrima" from L'elisir d'amore by Donizetti, conducted by Sir Edward Downes. Dame

Gwyneth Jones, soprano, with the

Royal Opera House Chorus and

orchestra, sang Elisabeth's Greet-ing from Tannhäuser by Wagner,

conducted by Sir Edward. Dame Gwyneth, Miss Elizabeth Bainbridge, contraito, Mr Arthur

ET ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Chwyd: 11 Chorel Each, Darke in F. Hosanna to the Eon of David (Weekes), Preb A Boberts; 3.10 Advest Carol Service

3.10 Advent Carol Service

HIMMONGHAM CANVEDRAL: 11 Chairli
Fuch, M Brevis (Palestrina), Hosanna in
the Son of David (Weelbert, Rev R Gordon;
4 Advent Princeshine
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 NC. 9.30
M: 9.30, 11 8 Euch, Messes Solemnelle
(Languals), Ne timest Maria (Victoria) Rev
R Gill: 3.15 Advent Carol Service; 6.30
Service of Compilier. The Desir.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 8 Euch,
Watchet and (Bach), Jackson in G. Hosanna
(Weelbert, Watchet and (Karg-Elert), The
Dasir, 3.30 Advent Carol Service.
CHELMSPORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Mp; 8 CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL 7.30 MP; 8 HC 9.30 Parish C. Canon P Sander I I. 15 5 Buch. Missa Brevis (Britten), Rovate coali desuper (Palestrina). The Provos: 4 Bentant 6 Advent Procession.

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HEATHCRIS & Advent PYONOSIS; 4
HEATHCRIS & ADVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP
(NOTHSTRADE CLADE). 8 THE COMMUNION
(LADY Chapel). 10.30 Cathedral Euch.
MISSO alla capella (Haydri), A spotless rose
(Howelis, Rev) Cooker 5.30 PP (Chapel of
Unity): 7 Advent Procession, A spotless
rose (Howelis, Aleinlas (Wisham), And
the glory of the Lord (Handes), I sing of a
malden (Rectales).
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 MC: 10.30 S Euch.
Mass for film voices (Byrd). Advent
Responsory (Palestrina), Organ Prelude
and Pugae in E mileor (Bruthna), The
Dean; J.45 EP; 6.30 Advent Procession
with Carols.

57 GEORGES CATHEDRAL: Southwark.

Dermon Durme 4 Advers Carol Bervices
LECLETER CATHEDRAL: 8 MC 9.45 M:
10.30 S Such, Trio In E Fisz (Reubick,
Sumsion in F. Hark the giad sound the
Saviour comes (Prasonius, Wachet auf
(Bach), The Chancellor: 2.30 Rangers
Ervice; 3.15 Advent Carol Service.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8,
11.20 RC; 9.30 Family Service. The Dean;
11.15 Sung Euch, 1 look irom slar (Palesurina), Messe Solemnelle (Langist),
Hossuma to the son of David (Weelkes), Zion
Hossuma to the son of David (Weelkes), Zion
Hast the Waichman's voices (Bach),
Canon Lift George-Jones,
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 Advent
Son of David (Weelkes), Canon Albert
Radcille: 3.30 R 6.30 Advent Carol
Service: SETTICE.

ST PARK'S CATHERDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M, genedicite Stumston in 8 flag, Benedicite Stumston in 8 flag, Benedicite Stumston in 8 flag, Benedicite Stumston in 8 flag, Canon Christopher Hill: 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Watton), Hosanna to the Son of David (Globons; 3.15 E, The flas service (Shepherd), Paople of Zioo Gacisson, Dr Mary Turner; 6.30 Account Canol Service.

ST PACILE CATHERDRAL, Dundor & HC: 9.40 Stung Communica: 11 Choral Each, Pour Part Mass (Byrd), The Provot: 6.30 Caoral E, And 1 saw a new heaven (Balaton); The Provot.

(Balaton); The Provot.

BOUTHWARE CATHEDRALS HC 11 Buch, Missa Brevis (seroley), O nata ha Trallis), Advent Prope Pfalusongs, Campen Roy White; 3 & 6.30 Candielight Advent

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WHILE CATHEDRAL: I RC 9-45 S Booth,
Missa Brevis (Palestrina). Rev J L
Thompson: 11.30 M. Benedicine (Sumsion in 8 Jad. Benedicines firstand in C.
Lord let me know mine end (Greene; 3 E.
Purcell in G minor. Larymone, dies illa
Mozard, The Ven R M C Prife. Furcill in G minor, Lacrymosa, dist illa plomard, the ven R M C Prich.

WESTMINSTER ABBET: 10 M. Responses (Townkins) Benedicite (Fizaris), And the glory of the Lord (Handil), Rev P Furnamer: 11 M ills Hendell, Rev P Furnamer: 11 M ills Hannamer, Churchi, Rev Dr. Doursid Gray: 11.15 Abbey Exich.

Missa Trininsis Sanche (Cried), Let all montal flesh (Estinstand), Rev Dr A Harvey;
1 E. Mayner Ven chemita Busir in B minor.

Rev Canon Timothy Sedien; 8.10 Candidight Advent Carol Service

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL? 7., 9, 12, 3.0, 7 Mass; 10.20 Solemn Mass, Mass in Commission (Wenghan Williams), Vigilians (Byroll, A byum of St Columba (Reinen), Le Monde dans Internet du Sanvieur (Duppel, 10 MF; 2.30 Organ Recital, min Simesok; 1.30 Solemn Web. Bandilon Color (mil plainsong), Komm Jesu Komm, (Bach), Wachet and, ruft uns die stimmer (Bach), Volke Minester: Briogen; 4 EP; 6.30 Advent Prozenion.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE BAYOY, WC2: (I.M. Te Deum (Ireland in F., Biesed are they that mourn (Brainns), The Chapisin

Awaier (18-21), Tomb mis O Lord (Alawood), the Chapiain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Surracis, 5W1: 11 M with the Band of the Lists Guards, Advent Responsery (Palestrina) namis, Advent Responsary (Palesmina), seams to the Son of David (Weekers), ine eyes have seen the glory, the septain; 12 HC. Chaptain; 12 HC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Count Palace.
8-30 HC; 11 M and Litary, Benedicite and Jubilate Dackson in G. Litary,
Communit \$10.00 Auto Clarif Service.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15
LM: 10.20 MP; 11 HDA, Missa Brevig
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G. Addinson; 6. EAB, Fenthoundous
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O Addingos; 6 Eds., Femxbourdoss
(Wilson), Hosennia to the Son of Derid
(Gibbons), Has F hickery.
All Souths, Langham Piece, Wi: 11
Moming Service, Thineless love (Warren),
Preb Eichard Bewes 6.30 Evening
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(Rogars, Ew Dr John Stole,
GROSVENOR CHAPPL, South Andrey
Fitner, Wi: 11 Sung Euch, Alsse Vide
speciosam (Victoria), Ecce dominos venise
(Victoria), Rev Richard Bock,
T BARCHSOLOMEW THE GREAT. ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT Smithfield EC! P RC; II Choral Such Rev Martin Historod; 6.30 Choral E. the Risuns.

ST SRIDE'S, Pleas Street, ECA: 11 Choral
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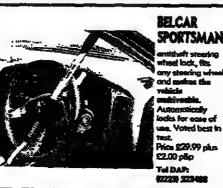
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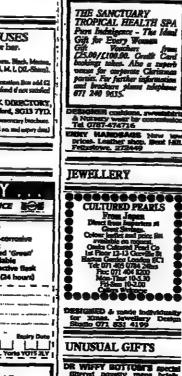


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SIR CHARLES MOTT-RADCLYFFE

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Sir Charles (Edward) Mott-Raddyffe, soldier and Conservative MP for Windsor, 1942-70, died on November 25 aged 80. He was born on Christmas Day 1911.

CHARLES Mott-Radclyffe shared in a unique constitutional experience in the summer of 1945 when, despite being a Conservative MP, he found himself serving Clem-ent Attlee's Labour government

He had been parliamentary private secretary for the last six months to Leo Amery, secretary of state for India in Churchill's wartime coalition. As results of the 1945 election came in, both men gloomily prepared to clear their desks.

The new prime minister, however, had a problem. His choice for the India portfolio, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, was in America and, because he was suffering from a heart condition, had been advised by his doctors not to fly. As he embarked from the US west coast on a ten-day voyage home, there was no one in London to accept the seals of his new office.

India, the jewel in the crown, could hardly be left unattended, at the start of a period which was destined to be a historic one for both countries, so Amery and Mott-Raddyffe carried on. They met every morning at ten to ask "What shall we do about India today?" - until Pethick-Lawrence arrived, hastening from Southampton to take

Mott-Radelyffe, who later



recalled the situation in his memoirs, Foreign Body in the Eve. went on to serve for the next 12 months as a Conservative party whip, but was to spend the rest of his parliamentary career on the back benches. There he built up a considerable reputation as a sound and well-informed voice on defence and foreign

He was among those Conservative MPs who fought against the break-up of the Central African Federation in the 1960s and criticised British governments of both col-

ours for their treatment of lan Smith's Rhodesia. But although politically to the right of centre, Mott-Raddyffe was no tub-thumping right-

He made his greatest impact in committee, most conspicuously as chairman of the Conservative parliamentary foreign affairs committee between 1951 and 1959, a period which covered the crisis over Suez. Mott-Radclyffe, who was well thought of by the prime minister Anthony Eden, did much to help preserve back-bench cohesion at a

time when the party was bitterly divided. The knightthrough the Middle East and hood he received in the follow-

first world war. Charles, then

aged four, was brought up by

his mother (née Mott) who, on inheriting Barningham Hall estate in Norfolk (which had

been in her family since the 18th century) added Mott and

a hyphen to the name of herself and her son.

Charles Mott-Raddyffe was

educated at Eton and Balliol,

then worked between 1936

and 1938 as honorary attaché

at the British embassies in

Athens and Rome. This was a

form of apprenticeship, not

uncommon in those days, which enabled those young men, whose families could

afford it to gain back-door

entry to the Foreign Office by

acting as unpaid secretaries to

British envoys.

The war interfered with his

plans, however, and he fol-lowed his late father into the

Rifle Brigade. He served with

the military mission to Greece, 1940-41, escaping from the German advance in a small boat which, though bombed,

took him to a remote island -

from where he and others

were evacuated to Egypt. He

was then posted as a liaison

officer in Syria in 1941 before

fighting with his regiment

In 1942 he was given permission to fight (and win) a ing year might be seen as his reward for providing such balanced leadership at the by-election at Windsor, though he did so only after stipulating to his new constitu-He had nearly become a career diplomat himself. Born ents that he wanted afterwards to return to his regiment. It was not until 1944 that Cap-tain Mott-Raddyffe became in Hampshire, he was the son of Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Tiny Radclyffe, who was killed while serving with the PPS to Leo Amery. Rifle Brigade at Loos in the

He continued to represent Windsor for 28 years, serving on the Plowden Commission on Overseas Representational Services in 1953-54. But by 1970 he had had enough and retired to his large Barningham estate where he spent the rest of his life as country landowner and public figure in Norfolk, where he was a high sheriff and deputy lieutenant. He was also among other things a gover-nor of Gresham's School, Holt, 1957-87, and a member of the Historic Buildings Council for England, 1962-

He was a good shot and an above average cricketer who batted for Eton Ramblers and captained the Lords and Com-

mons XI for 18 years. But above all things Charles Mott-Raddyffe was famous as a raconteur with an engaging sense of humour. As one fellow MP put it: "When one entered the Commons smoking room and saw Charlie one's spirits lifted, because one could be sure of good

His first wife, Diana, died in 1955 and he is survived by his second wife. Stella, and by three daughters of his first marriage.

HANS ZÜLLIG

Hans Zidlig, leading dancer with the Ballets looss and later with the Sadier's Wells Theatre Ballet, died in Essen on November 8 aged 78. He was born in Rorschach. Switzerland, on February 1, 1914.

ANYONE who saw the Ballets Jooss during the years when it was based in Britain to escape Hitler's Germany is likely to remember Hans Züllig. Blessed with a remarkably handsome appearance and a personality to match, he played a variety of roles but was most likely to be seen as the romantic hero. As the young workman in Big City. who loses his girlfriend to a rich libertine, he gave a melancholy intensity to his performance which was unforgenable.

He could play comedy, too, as in Sigurd Leeder's ballet

Sailor's Fancy, and perhaps the most memorable of all his performances came when he was cast against type as the profiteer in Jooss's best known work. The Green Table. He brought out the sly, insinuating evil of the character all the more credibly thanks to his blithe air of false honesty. Züllig began his studies

with Jooss and Leeder in 1931 at their Folkwang School in Essen, and the following year was already in the cast of The Green Table when Jooss premiered it at the International Dance Competition in Paris and made himself widely known by winning the first prize. At that time Züllig played only in the ensemble as one of the soldiers and the gentlemen in black.

In 1933 Jooss, himself an agnostic from a Catholic family. left Germany with his

colleagues because the Nazis had began to persecute some of them who were Jews. He was offered accommodation for the school at Dartington Hall in Devon and two years later started the company afresh. For the next 12 years. with a brief interruption dur-ing the war, the Ballets Jooss were based in Britain and

toured widely.
Züllig, now a valuable soloist, created roles in many of the works given, including the Marquis (Ballade), The



Young Prince (A Spring Tale) and Armando (Company at the Manor) — all of them among the lighter side of the repertoire, although he also played the mysterious com-panion in The Prodigal Son beside his tragic part in Big City. In The Green Table he progressed to his role as the profiteer via the smaller but heroic part of The Young Soldier.

Züllig himself choreo-graphed Le Bosquet for the company in 1945, an accom-plished production in which

the heroine called up memo-ries of a lost lover. In 1947 Jooss had to close

the company for financial reasons, and Zullig spent the 1948-9 season as a principal dancer with Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet, where Andrée Howard used his personality and looks for the leading role of Simplice, a love-struck poet. when creating her burlesque of the romantic ballet Selina. He was also in John Cranko's first major creation for the company. Sea Change. and danced in Les Sylphides and Ashton's Capriol Suite among other works (Another English ballet which he danced later was Antony Tudor's Jardin aux lilas: he played the lover in a television production).

After his year at Sadler's Wells, Züllig returned to Essen where Jooss was reforming the Folkwang Dance Theatre, and besides dancing with them he choreographed another ballet, Fantaisie. But in 1953 the city of Essen withdrew its subsidy; Züllig danced for a year with the Zurich Ballet, then became assistant ballet master to Jooss in Düsseldorf and a teacher at the Falkwang School.

In 1956 Züllig joined the dance department of the University of Chile in Santiago (which had been founded by some former Jooss dancers) as a teacher and choreographer and as a dancer in the department's performances. He re-mained there until 1961.

Thereafter he rejoined Jooss at the Folkwang School, becoming director when Jooss retired in 1968. Even after himself partially retiring Züllig remained much in demand for master classes. Only this summer he had to withdraw from his engagements because of his final illness.

Jan H. Oort, Dutch astronomer, died on November 12 aged 92 He was born on April 28. 1900. JAN Oort's discoveries on the origins of comets and the

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movement of the Milky Way made him one of the twentieth century's leading astronomers.

After his appointment as astronomy professor at the University of Leiden in 1935.

he found that the Milky Way actually rotates around its axis and that the solar system was not the galaxy's core but thousands of light-years away from it. The find is widely seen as comparable to Copernicus's discovery in the sixteenth century that the earth rotates around the sun and not vice

Oort's other pioneering work on galactic structure

than previously believed. He discovered the existence of "hidden mass" — dark matter which cannot be seen through conventional telescopes but is now believed to make up more

JAN OORT

by comets, and in the 1950s theorised about the existence of what has become known as "Oort's Cloud," a cluster of space rocks located about a light year outside the solar system and recognised by was professor of astronomy and director of the observatory. He was general secretary

of the International Astronomical Union, 1935-48, and served as president, 1959-61.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Oort held honorary degrees from ten universities, including Harvard, Cambridge and Oxford. He was Gold Medallist, George Darwin lecturer and associate of the Royal Astronomical Society, a for-eign member of the Royal Society and Halley Lecturer at Oxford. He leaves a widow, two sons

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Herman Steiner

HERMAN Steiner, hairdress er to Queen Mary and founder of the Steiner Hairdressing Group, died on November 13 aged 84. He was born on July 7, 1908.

After early training as a

violinist, which profession he followed until his father's sudden death in 1925, Herman Steiner studied hairdressing under his mother. He opened his own salon in Conduit Street, Mayfair.

At this time, he studied what was then known as cosmetic chemistry and developed a small range of hair preparations, which were sold in leading department stores. The salon business flourished, with a large show business and aristocratic clientele, until a second world war bomb

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A crowd of about 100 men last night battered in the doors of the county gao at San Jose, California. carried off Thomas Thurmond and John Holmes, who had confessed to having kidnapped and murdered Mr. Brooke Hard, the 22-year-old son of a local merchant, and hanged them to a tree in a park near by. The attack on the gaol and the lynching occurred in the presence of some 6,000 other persons, who cheered on the lynchers.

When Mr. James Rolph, jun., the Governor of California, was told last night what had happened, he said: "This is the best lesson California has ever given the country. We show the country that the State is not going to tolerate kidnapping." Today he said, further, that he would pardon anyone who might be arrested for having taken

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推到被到底 This account of a lynching in California makes grim reading but how is one to describe the reaction of the governor of

part in the lynchings. He was quoted in Press dispatches this afternoon as having said that he had postponed going to a Governors' Conference in Idaho, not so that he might be on hand to call out the State troops, but in order to prevent the troops from being called out. "Why should I call out the troops to

the State?

protect those two fellows?" he added. The attack on the gaol came in the evening, after it had become known that the body of Mr. Hart had been found that afternoon in San Francisco Bay.

Policemen and deputy sheriffs fought valiantly with tear gas bombs and clubs to defend their prisoners, but the infuriated crowd was not to be stayed. After having beaten the sheriff, Mr. William Emig. into insensibility, the assailants brought into play as battering rams two lengths of heavy iron pipe With these they broke down the outer and inner doors of the gaol. They beat a deputy sheriff, seized his keys, and unlocked the cells on the third floor. where Thurmond. Holmes and other

prisoners were confined. Yelling and shouting, they dragged the two kidnappers across a wide street to the park. Thurmond, who had fainted, was strung up without delay. Holmes, who had been stripped of all his clothes and badly beaten, fought desperately and threw the noose off his

neck twice before he was overpowered. The lynchers made no attempt to conceal their identity, and after their victims had been hanged even encouraged photographers to make flashlight pictures of the scene.

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The poorer countries roundly condemned British plans to rein in spending, which were described by Jacques Delors as betraying the spirit of Maastricht. But Britain found support from the northern states...

Vienna palace goes up in flames

A second great European landmark burned yesterday when the Hofburg Palace in Vienna was severly damaged. The imposing 18th century Redoutensaal and its adjoining ...Page 1 halls were reduced to tinder ...

irish vote

Ireland has voted by two to one in favour of allowing women to travel abroad for abortions and have access to information on abortion services available elsewhere in the EC..... Pages 1, 2

US welcomed

General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the most powerful of Somalia's three warlords, in a surprise move last night welcomed the deployment of American forces to protect the distribution . Page 1 of aid...

Tax relief

About half of all households will find their council tax bills are lower than their poll tax bills because of strict capping on council spending. But the financial gain for households will have to be offset by poorer council services. . Page 2

Birt speaks out

John Birt hit back at his tormentors, denying charges that he was a "Trappist monk" intent on stifling creativity by instituting

"pseudo-Leninist" centralised control as the BBC's new direc-...Page 3

Zagreb visas

After the outcry over Britain's refusal to admit Bosnian refugees without visas obtainable only in Vienna or Belgrade, the government said a visa office is being set up in Zagreb. Page 10 **Major killed**

An army major on an official visit to Northern Ireland was among four servicemen killed in a mid-air collision between two helicopters.

Class experiment Secondary schools in Wandsworth, south London, are to experiment with a five-term year and a 50 per cent increase in teaching time. The scheme may

be extended to primary Royal return The Queen must learn the language of off-shore roll-up, gilts

and personal unit trusts if she is to become tax efficient Page 8

Museum pieces hop into daylight Over 20 new species and sub-species of grasshopper have been discovered by two British scientists after a decade's painstaking work in museums in Europe and North America. Some of the new species have lain for nearly a 100 years after being collected by colonial...



Sinking sand: Tibetan monks prepare to cast their Kalachakra Sand Mandala — which took six weeks to prepare for the Sacred Art of Tibet exhibition at the Royal Academy — into the Thames at Lambeth Bridge to symbolise the impermanence of existence

BUSINESS Oil agreement: Opec has managed

to agree on marginal cuts in oil production after three days of meetings in Geneva. ... Page 19 Markets: Shares ended the week at a record high. The FT-SE 100

Index closed up 18.3 at 2760.1. The pound slipped 0.3 to close at, 78.4 on its trade-weighted index, a fail of 1.22 cents against the dollar to \$1.5105 and a fall of 0.98 piennigs to DM2.4186_.. ... Page 22

SPORT

Walting game: Eric Cantona, the French international footballer, completed his £1.2m transfer from Leeds to Manchester United but he will not make his first appearance

... Page 36 Racing: Peter Scudamore's supremacy is due to an obsessive pursuit of perfection, he tells Alan Page 34

until Tuesday in a testimonial

Making Hey: An "extraordinarily

well-constructed" play, said Noel Coward about Hay Feyer. But then, he wrote it. Benedict Nightingale is less overwhelmed, but finds much harmless fun at the newest West End production starring Maria Weekend, page 16

Hot from Houston: Records of the week include the latest soulful extravaganza from Whitney Houston whose tone is so strong that it verges on the raucous, and compilation albums of classics from jazz masters Stan Kenton and Oscar ... Weekend, page 16

Victorian perversities: If it did nothing else, George du Maurier's famously shocking novel Trilby and Svengali coined two useful new words for the English language. Now this steamy saga of domination and sexual perversity receives a powerful new stage adaptation Weekend, page 16

SIMON JENKINS

This week the British monarchy chased after its public, caught up with it and declared itself normal. Fine. As for the royal finances, never was a topic more thoroughly demented and torn apart. Requiescat in pace. After the horrors of the past year, perhaps the royal family can be left alone.

BEN MACINTYRE

Of all the people rendered obsolete while America changes political gears, none is more gloomy and irascible than George Bush. "The interregrum is too long," he was heard to mutter, "too ungenerous and too long"... .. Page 14

COMOR CRUISE O'BRIEN Fianna Fail even in Dublin was not exactly enurdered but it lost its pos-

ition of dominance there and is never likely to recover it. That will do to be going on with Page 14 Showers over north and west

The Maastricht bill

With tax revenues shrinking and domestic spending rising across recession-hit Europe, Mr Lamont's insistence on budgetary discipline in Brussels deserves the serious hearing it got this week Page 15

Brain strain

Brain surgery, for all the skill required, is a crude process of cleaning clogged arteries and staunching bleeds. But it is more effective, less expensive and less dangerous

Time for mercy

As a noted humanitarian, President Herzog may conclude that Mordechai Vanumr's 2,200 days in solitary confinement is punishment enough for even the most serious crime — and that justice is purest when seasoned by Page 15

A studio-shot revisal of Atheld Wesker's play. Roots, features Jane Horrocks as Beatle who returns to Weckend, page 18 Norfolk ...

Mayne streets: More than 30 years on, photographer Roger Mayne goes back to shoot life in west

London Woman hunter: Linda Grant meets the man who is paid to track down

errant wives....

Transel vision: Sir Alastair Morton. the chief executive of Eurosimnel talks to Alan Franks about the gans that can't be bridged ____page 18 Soul brothers and sistem Kate Alderson hears the best go on and on, and on ... at a non-stop dance weekender in Southport... Page 35

Rothschild compe weekend in the vineyants of Bann Philippe de Rothschild, er simply send off for a selection of vintage bordeaux.

Scenners in the works: No scener has Paul Heiney buried one load of treasure on his land than he unearths another load in the antumn statement Page 3

What to weer Be a stave to the rhythm in pop-culture clothes, from Acid-house sweatshirts to funk and grunge Pages 10, 11 Plug in, tam on: Bash your way to oblivion with the Temptress and her cohorts: read our shopping guide to computer games Page 13

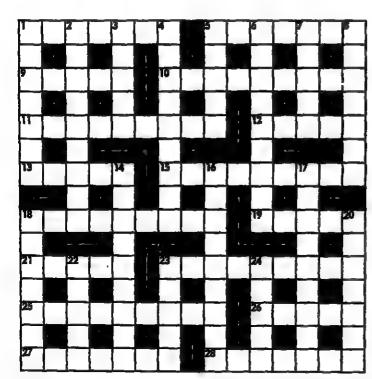
Why should we fight for a country which is far away and of which we know little?; parallels, between Czechosiowakia 1938 and Bosnia Page 15

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,088

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- I Intrude reformed characters into nove) (7).
- 5 Device for putting juice in large 9 In the past, an artist's market (5).
- 10 Say, who's the French soldier with a flower? (9).
- 11 He discovered a shoddy area of land (5.4). 12 lee-cream without fruit for all (5).
- 13 Pub with leading entertainer shows lively spirit (5).
- 15 Article is a fashionable plate (9). 18 Firm pound slides, then falls (9).
- 19 Distinctive character of Barnet hospital (5).
- 21 Disruption in Croatian port (5). 23 Like Arnold's gypsy, shall cry out about nothing (9).
- 25 It makes more noise if one's in a more spacious setting (9).

 26 Ran into a line of stones in the
- road (51.
- 27 Sprinkler that clears the bed (7). 28 Going to great lengths to be outrageous (7).

1 Son of combat the peace-keepers

are equipped for (7).

Solution to Pazzle No 19,082

2 Bird with sharp point on beak (9). 3 Adult male needed in Shakespearian role (5).

- Play the quick movements, show ing exaggerated emotion (9). 5 Stop up in Irish town talking (5).
- 6 Everyone's united round the Head of the Commonwealth suddenly (3,2,4). Corgi got a bit of mutton (5).
- 8 Grasp sweetheart in broadcast serial (7). 14 Pole going to ground has a narrow escape (4,5). 16 Cashier's acquittal (9).
- 17 She puts you in your place, being a school-marm? (9). 18 Share bill with daughter for
- apple tree (7). 20 Be sulky, changing colour (3-4).
- 22 Fault in the sound circuits (5). 23 One who needs a couple of sticks
- when going downhill (5). 24 Motorway is illuminated round the perimeter (5).

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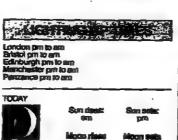
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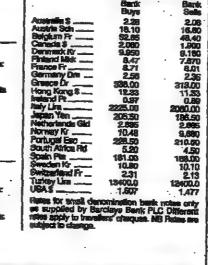
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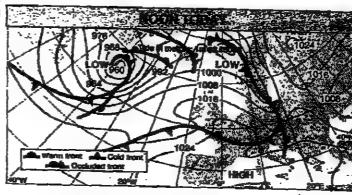
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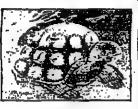
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North Sea boost as Opec agrees production cut

THE value of North Sea oil production rose 20 per cent in October, the first full month to show the effect of the pound's devaluation after leaving the European exchange-rate mechanism. At the same time, Opec

ministers meeting in Vienna agreed to curb production at 24.58 million barrels a day, slightly below present levels. Opec said it produced 25.04 million bpd in October but western estimates have put daily output at about 25.25

Oil markets were confused by the announcement. The price initially fell 25 cents a barrel, then rose 22 cents to close at \$18.97 for January Brent crude. In October, Brent crude reached \$21 a barrel but fears of excess supply and slack demand brought down the

price.
The calculation of North
Sea oil output is based on the
Royal Bank of Scotland's
monthly oil index. Production rose almost 7 per cent to more than 2 million bpd, the first

THE banks providing the finance to build the Channel

tunnel have given Eurotunnel, the operator, permission to draw down sufficient funds to

finish the project, marking an

end to months of negotiations.

The banking syndicate pro-viding the £6.8 billion of credit

facilities to Eurotamoel has

granted a waiver to allow the

from those facilities until May

1994, six months after the

because Euronannel is in

breach of banking agree-

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sioning, and any further de-

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facilities. Eurotunnel was

clearly delighted by the news.
"It's a tremendous mandate

tunnel expects to open.

Eurotunnel given

cash to finish job

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

Opec appears to have agreed on a marginal cut in oil production, although the North Sea producers appear to be benefiting most from the falling pound

time the North Sea has exceeded that level since January. Its average daily value was almost E25 million.

However, October oil pro-

duction figures traditionally show an increase, being the first full month after summer maintenance shutdowns, and the last month before North Sea weather deteriorates. In addition, the bank says

the pound fell from an average \$1.85 in September to \$1.66 in October, resulting in a 12 per cent rise in the sterling price of a barrel of oil to £12.20.

Analysts said the Opec deal did not appear to represent much of a cut but it would probably hold off a fail in prices. The announcement was complicated by Ecuador quitting Opec, the first country ever to leave. Ecuador produces only 320,000 bpd and

from the banks, telling us to go

ahead and get the project finished," a spokeswoman said. The banks and the

company will be discussing throughout next year strategies for meeting any funding needs after opening. Euroturnel has accepted it could

need more cash from share-

holders or banks but says this

The decision of the banks,

led by Midland, NatWest,

Banque Nationale de Paris

and Credit Lyonnais, appears to reflect the probable favour-

able outcome of long-running

talks with the contractors

building the tunnel. Euro-tunnel has tabled a "take it or

leave it" offer which is being

considered by the builders.

and a settlement looks near.

start of business.

figure. Analysts estimate the effective Opec output is about 200,000 barrels a day. Gholamreza Aqazadeh, the Iranian minister who dissent-

the new target excludes this

ed from the previous Opec accord, said he was satisfied. "I have respect for this figure," he added. Iran would cut output by 400,000 bpd to reach its quota of 3.49 million.

Russia does not intend to join Opec but hopes to proceed with a Kazakh proposal for an alternative energy producers union, grouping former Soviet republics, according to a Russian oil ministry spokesman (writes Bruce Clark in Moscowi.

The spokesman dismissed reports from Vienna suggesting that Russia and Kazakh-stan had expressed an interest in early full membership of Opec. He predicted that nei-ther republic would join the 12-nation cartel in its existing form, because it would mean abiding by a strict system of production and export quotas that reflected the old mem-

However, he said top Russian officials, including Aleksandr Shokhin, deputy prime minister, and Viktor Chernomyrdin, oil minister, had endorsed a Kazakh suggestion that the ex-Soviet republics should establish their own "energy union" to co-ordinate their policies.

This would initially take the form of a bilateral Russian-Kazakh agreement, but it was hoped that gas-rich Turkmenbaijan would also sign up.

Russian officials were drafting a charter for such a union, and in doing so, had made a careful study of Opec's organisational structure, the spokesman said.

One obvious function for a kind of ex-Soviet Opec would to be police the diversion to the world market of oil sold by Russia to its neighbours, notably Ukraine.

After the judgment. Lord Spens said he had been "staggered by the degree of malevo-lence shown to all the defendants in the Guinness

said yesterday.

The combination of com-

disadvantaged clients."

for investors as fraud. The regulators rightly devote considerable resources to detecting and correcting such practices. But the key to really tackling them in the long term, and the reason that we are all here today, is the delivery of higher standards of training leading to greater competence." He added he wanted acceptable proposals to emerge for the formation of the personal investment

authority.

Market polishes up Savoy Hotel price

Comment, page 23 to be nothing more than a



Lord Spens formally acquitted

By Angela Mackay

LORD Spens, the former mer-chant banker, launched a cowboy outlit with a gunslinger mentality". An SFO spokes-woman said it was inappscathing attack on his prosecutors, the Serious Fraud Office, ropriate to comment. yesterday, after he won his High Court battle for a formal

The trial of Roger Seelig, a former merchant banker, and acquittal on charges arising out of Guinness's takeover of Lord Spens was aborted last February after 69 days. The SFO said it would offer no Nine months after the SFO further evidence because it abandoned the prosecution, believed the proceedings could Justice Hidden ruled that trial health of Mr Seelig, who had permanent stay. judge, Mr Justice Henry, had "misdirected himself" when

suffered a "catastrophic break-down" defending himself after legal aid was refused.

On March 13, Mr Justice Henry did not order an acquittal but granted a permanent "stay" of the proceedings. Lord Justice Glidewell ruled that the peer was wrongly denied his acquittal. The judge said that the trial judge no power to order

Goodison demands talks with Lamont

By Neil Bennett

SIR Nicholas Goodison, the president of the British Bankers' Association and the chair-man of TSB Group, is demanding a meeting with Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, so he can challenge the

government's continued criti-cism of the high street banks. Sir Nicholas has written an open letter to Mr Lamont that discloses the growing anger among banks, which feel they are being treated as scapegoats for the recession. It marks the start of an initiative to force the government to justify its criticisms or be silent.

In his letter, Sir Nicholas says he wants to head a deputation of other bank chairman to meet the Chan-cellor. But he makes it clear that they are only prepared to talk to him once the full details of the Bank of England's survey of small business bank-

The bank chiefs also want to widen the conversation to cover the government's han-dling of the economy and the damage they say it has caused their institutions.

The letter is a response to a statement by Mr Lamont to the Treasury select committee two weeks ago that he wanted the Bank of England to reexamine suggestions that the banks are not passing on the full benefit of interest rate cuts to small business customers. and that he planned to meet bank chairmen to express his

This follows a similar affair in the summer of last year. when Mr Lamont met all five leading bank chairmen separately to scold them about their handling of small busi-nesses. A Bank of England survey later showed that there was little evidence that the banks were overcharging business customers.

Sir Nicholas yesterday said: "What we basically want is a stop to these off-the-cuff criticisms from the government without the facts.'

SIB calls for improved training

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

REPORTS of investors being sold the wrong insurance products are causing widespread public unease and enormous concern at the Securities and Investments Board, Andrew Large, its chairman,

mission-driven selling and lack of transparency in the products being sold placed an enormous weight on the conduct, training and professionai comepetence of financial

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

stake to obtain control.

With Sir Hugh as the life-long defender of its indepen-dence, the group fought off Sir Charles Clore, Lord Samu-

el, founder of Land Securities.

and Lord Matthews, when he

was at Trafalgar House. Sir Hugh once said: "The Savoy is

a passport to fame."
Savoy spent £1.5 million in

litigation to thwart Forte's

advisers. "Regrettably, under this pressure, human nature has been found wanting in too many cases and this has shown up as bad practices and

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SAVOY Hotel A shares jumped 103p to 588p yesterday as market-makers speculated about Forte's ambitions for the prestige hotel group with the death of Sir Hugh Wontner, the Savoy group's Forte holds 68.36 per cent of the equity, but with rights to only 42.12 per cent of the group's total votes. In the 1980s, it made a concerted and bitter effort to lift the

burning ambition to control the group that owns the Savoy, the Berkeley, Clar-idge's and the Connaught. It had been suggested the battle would rage as long as Sir Hugh and Lord Forte lived. Then in November 1989,

after five years of legal battles.

the Savoy and Forte declared

a truce. Forte was given two

main board seats and repre-

sentation on a planning com-mittee. Forte undertook not to buy any more shares in Savoy for at least five years. That agreement runs until the end of 1994 At stake during the years of acrimony was a block of 5.77

group has two classes of shares — A shares carry one vote for every ten held. The B shares carry ten votes for every five shares held and are rarely traded. The trustees of the Wontner Family Settlement control

its rival Distillers in 1986.

he refused to enter a "not

guilty" verdict on conspiracy and false accounting charges.

But Lord Spens, 50, was unsuccessful in his claim for

£365.000 legal costs he in-

curred before he was awarded

legal aid. His solicitors said Lord Spens was considering

an appeal to the House of

trials by the prosecuting and other authorities, with the

exception of the police".
"The Home Office, the Department of Trade and Indus-

try, the Bank of England, the

security services, and above all

the Serious Fraud Office have

left no stone unturned in their

Lord Spens said he intend-

ed to take his seat in the House

of Lords and work "for the radical reform of the Serious

Fraud Office, which I consider

effort to convict us."

Lords on that issue.

10.78 per cent of the total votes. The D'Oyly Carte Char-itable Trust has 14.1 per cent of the votes and the Savoy Educational Trust 11.45 per

The Savoy Group yesterday emphasised that "nothing has changed since the death of Sir Hugh". He was a trustee and the trust goes on.

Forte, while admitting it

did not always see eye-to-eye with Sir Hugh, said its rela-tionship with the Savoy group had not changed and it remained "happy with its stake".

per cent of the Savoy's tightly held shares owned by a Swiss educational trust established The Savoy goes on ... as it by Sir Hugh. The Savoy Hotel has for more than 100 years.

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Bundesbank keeps tight rein on money policy

BY COUN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HANS Tietmeyer, vice-president of the Bundesbank, has underlined the German central bank's determination to keep a tight rein on monetary policy, despite the tension this is generating in the European exchange-rate mechanism.

His remarks at a London conference yesterday coincid-ed with worse than expected consumer price data. Prices in western Germany jumped 0.5 per cent in November, boosted rent inflation. Germany's big public sector trade union yes-terday put in a demand for a 5 per cent pay increase. Against this background, the Bundesbank is not expected to ease until well into 1993.

The rise in prices left the preliminary annual rate at 3.7 per cent, unchanged from October. The monthly rise was the fourth in a row, however. suggesting continued inflationary pressures, despite prolonged monetary tightness, which has slowed Germany almost to a halt and prevented other European countries from cutting interest rates.

The Bundesbank's refusal to budge on interest rates has been the key factor driving currency market pressures that are prising the ERM apart. After the storm that swept the pound and the lira out of the parity grid in September, the forced floating of the Swedish krona, and devaluation of the Iberian currencies this month, market attention has focused on the Irish punt and the Danish krone, with the French franc under renewed pressure.

Herr Tietmeyer, speaking on BBC Radio, gave useful support to the beleaguered for the punt and the krone to he devalued. Given sound economic fundamentals behind the two currencies, he said both would be part of the ERM hard core and tension would be short term.

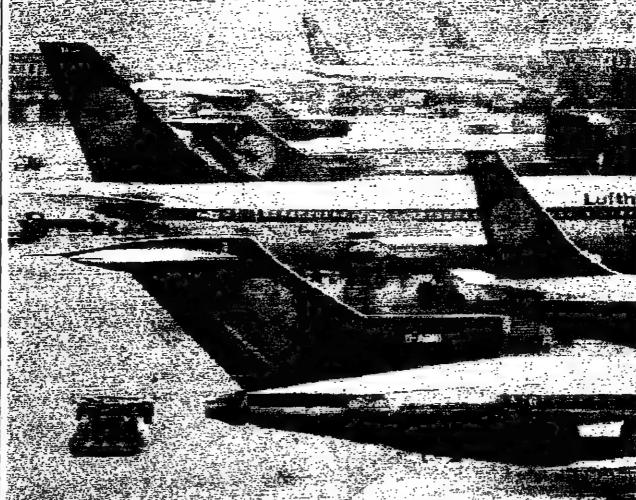
He rejected the charge that German policy was too tight. Short-term interest rates had fallen 100 basis points in recent weeks.

While acknowledging the progress made in slowing inflation, he said the problem of excessive cost and price rises in Germany "has not yet been Bundesbank's medium-term target is annual inflation of 2 per cent. "German monetary policy-makers will therefore have to stick to their antiinflationary course," he said.

He made clear he would have preferred a single general realignment of the ERM instead of the multi-stage de-valuations since September. But he reaffirmed his support for the existing rules, arguing that the system functioned well, even if some minor changes could be considered.

Jacques de Larosière, governor of the Banque de France, said it was an illusion to think devaluation could help relaunch an economy. It was only justified for currencies whose lack of competitiveness could not be recovered any

Leigh-Pemberton. Governor of the Bank of England, said premature fixing of ERM parities before greater economic convergence would cause "intolerable strains". Without the safetyvalve of exchange-rate adjustment, such strains would show up in serious social and polit-



Stalled: Lufthansa has suffered a sharp drop in North Atlantic business, says Jürgen Weber, the chairman

BA goes public in campaign to win support for USAir bid

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

BRITISH Airways has moved on to the attack in America over the holiday weekend as part of its campaign to invest \$750 million in USAir. A US government decision on the deal is expected within weeks.

In full-page advertisements in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. timed for the Thanksgiving holiday, one of the busiest travel periods of the year, Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, addresses passengers with his arguments.

"This alliance is an investment, not an acquisition or takeover. British Airways will not control USAir. The truth the long-term viability of USAir and its 47,000 employ-

letter adds: "The alliance will ensure continued strong US domestic competition, giving you, the traveller, more choice. lower fares, more destinations and better service ... even after the formation of this alliance the three largest American carriers will still have three times as many nonstop transatlantic flights a week from the US as we will."

Five of the leading American airlines want to block the deal, describing it as illegal and undesirable unless BA

operators gain much greater access to Britain. Tension has risen dramati-

cally since BA first announced the alliance four months ago. Sir Colin has threatened to call off the USAir link if the Americans demand more open skies as a condition for

Amid heated discussions. there have reportedly been threats that BA would cancel its orders for Boeing, which announced 2,500 job cuts this week on the stump in

Sir Colin told the American consumer: "British Airways has over \$6.5 billion in firm orders for Boeing aircraft the largest of any foreign airline — and a major investment in American jobs.

"In addition, over the next five years we have another \$8.5 billion of planned expenditures into the US economy." American carriers complain

that BA is gaining control of USAir through the back door. While BA's direct investment is within the legal limit for rights in the boardroom give it control over important policy The US Department of

Transport is now assessing public opinion after announc-ing four weeks ago that the deal raises questions of whether the sixth-largest American airline would continue under the control of American citizens if BA's investment goes

Lufthansa faces 'grave' problems

FROM REUTER IN MUNICH

JÜRGEN Weber, chairman of Lufthansa, said the German airline was still looking for an American partner and had suffered a sharp drop in business over the North

Herr Weber told industry leaders that the airline was in a "grave economic situation". despite a drop in losses to DM262 million in the first nine months of this year, against DM542 million a

Although several measures had been taken to improve the company's finances, Herr Weber said the "costs are clearly too high" and staff cuts would

Lufthansa had experienced "gigantic drop" in business in the North Atlantic market. The company's share of flights between Germany and North America had dropped from 35 to 26 per cent in 1991 and more than 50 per cent in

He said Lufthansa's with-Continental Airlines last month "did not end our search for a partner" in the I Inited States.

He also expected fewer mergers between European air carriers in future and a greater trend towards co-operation agreements instead. The main cost increase at

the moment is air traffic control fees and airport fees,"

when it has been selling

assets in order to cut debt. It

has been corporately linked

with Gencor for some

months, and in South Africa

the two groups have close links concerning their mining

Northern Foods

The photograph that accompanied the Northern Foods

report yesterday pictured Nick Cherry, sales and mar-

Allied and Carlsberg link given all-clear

THE £510 million joint venture between Allied-Lyons and Carlsberg of Denmark, hailed as "probably the best merger in the world" when it was announced more than a year ago, but at the mercy of the regulatory authorities since, has been given the all-clear. After advice from Sir Bryan Carshery, the director-general of fair trading, to Michael Heschine, the trade secretary, the two brewers have gained a relaxation of the third of three conditions imposed by the monopolies commission, although the other two conditions stand,

The MMC had wanted Allied's tenants to be allowed to take up to half their lager from suppliers of their own choice after two years into the deal. But Mr Heseltine has said that Allied must gradually free from the tie 400 of its pubs over four years, which would reduce the group's tied estate to 4,000. Allied and Carlsberg both said they were delighted by the final approval for the merger. Charles Tettey, commercial planning executive at Allied Breweries, Allied-Lyons brewing arm, said: "It causes us some grief, but at least because it's being phased in that does allow us to pick the time when we either sell or lease." Allied argued the initial MMC recommendation would be impractical because of difficulty in identifying the proportion of lager going to each pub. Allied shares were Ip lower at 642p.

NEC forecasts loss

NEC Corporation, of Japan, has forecast a pre-tax net loss of Y9 billion (£48 million) for the year to next March, its first since 1974. Net profit for the six months to September 30 plummeted 77.3 per cent to Y4.25 billion. Pre-tax profit for the same period was down 83.9 per cent to Y8.26 billion. NEC has been affected badly by the downtum in corporate capital spending in Japan's slump, which has eaten into its computer and telecommunications systems businesses. An NEC spokesman said another reason for the loss forecast was heavy depreciation costs. Other Japanese electronics companies have also recently declared miserable half-year

Perpetual manages £1bn

PERPETUAL, the fund management group, made a full year pre-tax profit of \$4.79 million against \$2.94 million in the previous year. Out of earnings per share up from 7.95p to 12.49p the total dividend rises from 3.2p to 4.8p. Martyn Arbib, the chairman, said: "Our investment performance, in comparative terms, has been excellent in the long, medium and short term. This has enabled us to achieve significant increases in sales and funds under management in a difficult trading environment. At September 30, 1992, funds under management were £846 million (1991 £693 million). After the recent devaluation of sterling, stock market improve-ments, and an influx of new money for investment, funds managed have now increased to approximately El billion."

EC clears waste plan

THE European Commission has approved plans by Rhone Poulenc Chimie and Sita to form a joint subsidiary for the treatment of industrial waste. The commission said in a statement that neither of the companies were in the market for the incineration of special industrial waste for third parties, although Rhône Poulenc Chimie, which will provide incinerators for the venture, currently treated its own waste. The plan would not increase their market share and "the Commission has decided to declare it compatible with the Common Market". Rhone Poulenc Chimie is a subsidiary of Rhône Poulenc, the French state controlled chemicals company and Sha is a subsidiary of Lyonnaise des Eaux-

Dares reduces deficit

DARES Estates lost £2.87 million in the half year to end-September against losses of £16.3 million last time. Losses per share were 1.54p (8.75p losses) and there is no interim dividend. The board said the loss reflected the continuing situation of rental income not covering interest and overheads. It added that the settlement of claims and counterclaims relating to Union Square, New York, had still not been completed. The company has reinstated legal actions against other partners and the lending banks have commenced legal action against the company and all other parmers. Nevertheless, negotiations are continuing and the board believes these will ultimately be concluded without further material cost to the company.

Dawson buys Ronay

DAWSON International, the Edinburgh textiles and knitwear group that boasts Pringle and Ballantyne among its brands, has bought Edina Ronay's shop in King's Road. London, as well as the fashion designer's in-store boutique concession at Harvey Nichols, Knightshridge, and a licence to use the Edina Ronay name worldwide. Ms Ronay's fashion manufacturing business went into liquidation last month, but the shop and concession continued to trade. Nick. Knewshers chief greating of Danson Parallel Ronada. Kuenssberg, chief executive of Dawson Premier Brands, said the cost of the deal was miniscule, adding that the deal was linked to royalty payments on future Ronay designs. Ms. Ronay is best known for her chic suits and Bohemian knitwear favoured by British royalty and other celebrities.

Rights issue at Hilclare

HILCLARE, the lighting and security group, is to raise £240,000 by way of a rights issue, to be on the basis of two new ordinary shares at 35p for every seven existing ordinary shares held at the close of business on December 18. The rights issue has been underwritten by Wise Speke. Hildare suffered an interim loss of £70,000 against a profit of £52,000, making a loss per share of 1.7p against earnings of 1.4p. Again there is no interm dividend.

Bank forecasts house market recovery

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

HOUSE prices will continue falling next year despite the fall in interest rates, a new report from Charterhouse, the

But the housing market was due for a strong recovery in 1994 and would continue rising for the following three James Morrell, the bank's

economic adviser, is forecasting that the average price of a house in Britain will fall by I per cent next year to £59,100. But he believes that the market for new houses will begin to recover in 1993 and

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prices will rise by I per cent to £64,900, spurred by the fall in

this year, which has reduced average house prices to the level they were in mid-1988.

Mr Morrell believes house prices will be slow to react to the cut in base rates because fear of unemployment is keeping potential buyers out of the market and the continuing flood of repossessions is depressing prices.

But he expects that once these pressures ease, house

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FOR INVESTORS

As from 28th November 1992

the interest rates on shares and deposits will be as follows:

prices will begin rising sharply

This is a sharp slowdown on in 1994 and similar increases have housing shortages and the estimated fall of 6 per cent each year until 1997. This which might be the first to be would push the average price of a house to £74,300, 9 per cent higher than the previous peak in 1989.

The report assumes that real interest rates will remain low. But his forecasts fall in line with the long-term upward trend in British house prices which has averaged 2.25 per cent since the second world

In a regional survey, Mr

Morrell highlights 12 counties, led by Surrey, Hertford-He predicts a 6 per cent rise shire and Berkshire, which affected by inflation in house

> On the other hand, the 1991 census has disclosed that there are some areas that have large housing surpluses. One example is Gwynedd, in Wales, where there is 16 per cent more bousing than families. The Scottish Highlands also

has a severe surplus in

Gencor eyes Lonrho assets

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

by the appearance of a large seller in the long gilt future. The future ended 17 ticks down at £994 as about 18,000 contracts were completed. Brokers said genuine business accounted for only half this. The rest was investors rolling their Decem-ber positions over into the March series. Business in the cash market also suffered from lack of support, with investors unwilling to open fresh positions ahead of Wednesday's

Bonds decline

in thin trade

THE bond market was drag-ged lower in thin conditions

£2.5 billion bond auction. At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 94 per cent 2002 fell 14 ticks to £10815/32. while in shorts Conversion 10 per cent 1996 lost seven ticks

GENCOR, South Africa's second largest mining group. and already associated with the Lourho group in South Africa, would consider any of the debt-burdened Lourho group's mining interests — if they were put up for sale. Brian Gilbertson, Gencor's

chairman, speaking at a presentation to analysts in London yesterday, said Gencor was auxious to encourage large overseas natural resource groups to become shareholders in Gencor, and would be interested in the rest of Lonrho's platinum interests in South Africa, and in Lourho's 45 per cent stake in Ghana's Ashanti gold mine, if Lourho wanted to sell.

overseas, and because of the huge capital costs of mining projects, we would want to expand with partners" he said, addingthat Western Platinum's interests in South Africa and Gencor's Impala platinum interests would make "a nice fit".

Lourho's coal businesses in South Africa would be of interest, as would its stake in Ashanti. Gencor currently has a technical agreement with Ashanti for gold processing. But Lourho's interests in hotels, agriculture, and manufacturing "would be beyond our experience," he said.

Last year Lourho, the min-ing and trading conglomerate led by Tiny Rowland, admit-

keting manager of Matthew Walker, the company's recently acquired Christmas pudding manufacturer, and not Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, as captioned. Sir Louis Blom-

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BUSINESS PROFILE: David Rowland

The charmer who aims to restore Lloyd's image

Carol Leonard speaks to the head of Sedgwick who has climbed one rung

higher than his father

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he election on Wednesday settled it. David Rowland, chairman of Sedgwick, the largest insurance broker in Britain, is to be the next chairman of Lloyd's, the biggest insurance market in the world.

Rowland, 59, knew that it was almost a foregone conclusion, but there is always the possibility that an outside horse might steal the race. With that uncertainty removed, and with the question of his succession at Sedgwick fully re-solved, Rowland, due to begin his new job in January, is anxious to let it be known that he is no longer reluctant to be Lloyd's chairman.

"I do not want anyone to think that I'm coming in on a grudging basis," he says. "Until the decision was taken that I should do the job I did resist it, but once it became apparent that I was the only person acceptable, it did not take long before I thought that I did want to do it." His initial

reluctance is perhaps understand-able. He has a secure and influry of £350,000 a year, and the Lloyd's job, tradipaid. A charming and apparently effortless negotia-

ably succeeds in getting his own way, Rowland has persuaded Lloyd's to set a precedent by paying him a comparable salary. He points out that he was put under tremendous pressure from all sorts of City figures, including the Governor of the Bank of England, to allow his name to go forward. "I will have a tremendous amount of public exposure, and there is a hell of a lot of downside."

As one of the authors of the task force report into Lloyd's, Rowland is well acquainted with the myriad problems it faces. He understands the full extent of the potential downside, to both himself and the City, if, under his chairmanship, Lloyd's fails to restore its battered image and to secure future lines of asset backing from once-bitten names. He refuses to give odds on the likelihood of success. "I am quite sure that Lloyd's will continue into the future, but in what form I

do not know. I will do everything I can to ensure that the qualities of the past remain. It supplies a type of insurance and a willingness to take risk that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. If there is a demand for its product, I cannot believe that the difficulties cannot be overcome."

Nor will he give any indication of how long he expects his mission to take, or whether he is likely to extend his initial three-year term of office. "I believe in marathon races, not sprints. There are so many different issues, all of which have different time horizons. The whole mess caused by the suffering to existing names and potential litigation: the attraction of adequate capital assets into the market. It depends on the perception of the market - is it managed properly and can it offer superior returns." Rowland does not refer to the suffering of the names lightly. He has been a name

since 1973 and he, too, has lost £75,000 last year, and with a number of open years still to be brought to account. "I am about some of my open years." he says. "In no sense will that affect the

way I run Lloyd's, but I do know what it feels like. Some people will say I have a bloody great salary and it is true, I can afford to deal with my losses." In that, he is luckier than his paternal grandfather, who lost a fortune when his engineering em-pire collapsed in the stock market crash of 1929 and the depression of the thirties. Tales of his grandfa-ther's plight — and its consequences - were probably one of the main influences on Rowland during his formative years. The down-fall of the business meant that Rowland's own father had to abandon plans to become a barrister. He entered insurance instead. A determined man, he climbed to the top of a large insurance broking firm. He also defiantly went ahead with plans to marry his fiancée, Rowland's mother. "They got engaged in very glamorous circumstances and then suddenly there

was nothing. They were very diffi-



Man at the top: David Rowland has suffered losses along with other names -£75,000 last year -- and still has a number of open years to be brought to account

when Rowland, an only child, was in his early twenties.

"I always had an awful tendency to become head boy at everything, at prep school and at St Paul's. I don't understand why, but people from outside would say that I wanted to show my father how well I was doing." As a schoolboy he was, he says, "averagely bright" in what was an exceptionally academwhat was an exceptionally academic school. "I was always in the top form of my year, but I left with a considerable feeling of academic inferiority. You either get caught up in the slip stream or you get left behind. I got left behind. At the time, I often felt that the only consider I had was being able to get quality I had was being able to get groups of people to work together." Rowland's career has been char-

acterised by extraordinary drive and ambition. It is almost as if he has endeavoured to mirror his father's life, but with the ending hopefully - happier and even more successful. He admits that sometimes those powerful forces get the better of him. He was not universally popular during his pre-Sedgwick days at Stewart Wrightson, and

then Willis Faber. To outsiders he might be renowned for his smooth-talking, easy charm, but to some of his ex-colleagues he is recalled as being intolerant, manipulative and ill-tempered. "I have gone through phases," Rowland says, "The prob-lem if you stay in one company for a long time, like I did, is that you become typecast. I went through periods of perhaps five years when I was intolerant, wound up. Then there were other periods when I was not so chewed up and I was more generous to people. Of course you retain the same characteristics, but you can be joited in one direction or the other by different people. I'm now a lot less nitpicking than I used to be. I'm inaccurate myself and it's because I

The accusations of ill-temper stem from his caustic tongue. Highly articulate and fast talking, his words become even more clipped when he is irritated and, when angered, the set of his chin alters and the verbal assault begins. "I am capable of being verbally very

have great failings in that area that

I try so hard to compensate."

mate the consequences of some of the things I say. I am constantly amazed by the effect I can have when I think I am being quite gentle with someone.

Rowland, like his father, abandoned his original career plan - to become a doctor. "If I had my time again I would read English or history." He graduated from Cambridge with a third class degree in natural sciences and was, he says. hopeless at cutting up bodies. He is similarly hopeless when it comes to do-it-yourself. "I'm really seriously one of life's bouchers."

Again, like his father, he has been divorced. He and his first wife Giulia, a pianist and the mother of his two children, Belinda, 32, and Mark, 30, split up after 34 years of marriage. A year ago, and within months of his divorce becoming absolute, he married New Zealandborn Diana Matthews, an Islington estate agent, a partner in Holden Matthews.

The resolution of Rowland's private life, his business success, and the fact that he, like his father, ended up running a large Lloyd's broker, seem to have largely satis-

fied his quest. It is as if everything suddenly dicked into place. His imminent assault on Lloyd's is an additional, unanticipated challenge, taking him one step further than his father ventured. He vividly recalls his father returning from the war, in North Africa and Aden. after five-and-a-half years. "I was 12 years old and suddenly this

was overjoyed to have a daddy again. But after that it wasn't easy.' He must have been a hero figure, nevertheless, and although Rowland is proud of his own achievements he acknowledges that is the one thing he is never likely to be. He tries too hard, is that little bit too dapper - "Yes he hates the word dapper, but it describes him to a t." says his secretary. "I can think of lots of wonderful leaders, charismatic heroes, but I have never felt remotely like that myself." Rowland says. He wants you to tell him that he is. "Instead I have always had thoughts about what I could achieve tomorrow if only I tried a

great hero came back from the war.

Rowland is not a workaholic. He works hard and is a perfectionist.

little bit harder."

"If it is not perfect it is not good enough." adds his secretary. "His enough," adds his secretary. home life, his dress and his car, they all have to be immaculate." Rowland says he can sometimes be pompous — "I do sometimes go

banging on a bit and then I need someone to burst my balloon" but he agrees that he has also become nicer as he has matured. "I am nicer, kinder, and more generous now, particularly with my own family. I have always felt warm and emotional about people, but unless you feel secure in yourself you cannot show it because if you display emotion you expose yourself. I guess if other people were to look back over the years they would think I had been too bloody perfect. being head boy all the time, but they couldn't quite hate me because I always got them to work alongside me. As far as I am concerned however, my life has been imperfect, there are lots of untidy parts. I can see my feet of clay and yes, I do have lots of regrets, personal ones. I have caused a lot of hurt and 1 do

not like that. I would like to be

kinder, nicer, gentler and more

understanding.

Busy Tomkins perks up

days ahead of it. On Monday, the group's one-for-two rights issue at 200p, which will raise £653 million, closes. The following Monday is the closing date of its cash/share takeover offer to shareholders in Ranks Hovis McDougall.

Initially, there were market doubts about the rights issue, and Tomkins' share price eased uncomfortably close to 200p. By yesterday, the shares were looking perkier at 230p, up 8p, suggesting the fully underwritten rights will prove successful

As for RHM, this should prove to be virtually plain sailing. Tomkins, which is offering 260p (current share price 259p), holds 22 per cent of its bid target and has an RHM board recommendation. So far, there is no suggestion of a late counter-bidder.

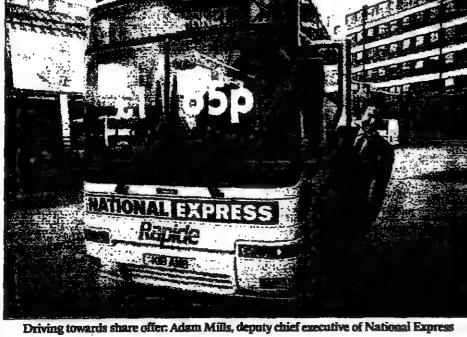
How much Tomkins shells out in cash to assenting RHM shareholders depends on their election of either shares, cash, or a mixture. If all RHM shareholders elect for cash, Tomkins, currently £150 million cash positive, will become roughly £200 million cash negative, or 30 per cent geared. A Tomkins share price above 227p gives the share election added attraction.
Tomkins' determination

that it will never make an acquisition that is earnings dilutive — not even in its first year - and that its role is all about management, rather than products, underlines market views that 1993 pretax profits will rise to between £141 million and £144 million (£132.1 million), to lift net earnings about 5.5 per cent. The 1993 profits estimate excludes any contribution from RHM.

Tomkins' shares, on 15.7 times prospective carnings, are acknowledging prospects. Shareholders should support the rights.

National Express

PRICE earnings multiples are one of those strange beasts that make the City go round but seldom exercise in any



great detail the attentions of private shareholders, such as the 35,000 who have already applied for a prospectus in Vational Express.

Potential investors might do well to look a little more closely at the numbers, however. National Express is floating on a multiple of ten times forecast earnings of 16.5p for the 1992 financial

year, the prospectus says.

This is a fair multiple for a business that is at the less glamorous end of the trans port sector and facing competition from special deals from British Rail. Economic upturn will help earnings, but it may also tempt existing Nat-ional Express contractors to strike out on their own.

The average is about 11 in transport, something of a rag-bag sector containing a number of hardly comparable businesses. But — and it is a big but — a complicated wrangle with the Stock Ex-change has required the company to state 1992 carnings in an unorthodox way. Had the normal conventions for companies coming to the market been followed, the multiple would have risen to 12, which is too rich by far.

The number of private in-

vestors interested means a full quarter of the . £45.9 million worth of shares on offer should go to the public, and there could be scaling back or even a ballot, suggesting a healthy premium in the after-market. Potential stags should bear in mind, however, that institutions that have lost out will not be chasing the shares at this price. Those shareholders who stay in may find themselves in the slow

Medeva ·

MEDEVA promises it will not make a habit of announcing quarterly figures. But why should it complain when American securities rules force it to announce a 234 per cent rise in nine-month profits to £26.1 million? Investors who chased the shares to feverish heights a year ago are being rewarded for their

Freed from the losses in its generic drug distribution business, sold last month, Medeva is demonstrating the benefits of its hectic acquisition spree. A 146 per cent rise in earnings per share suggests that either Medeva has bought cheap or the group is,

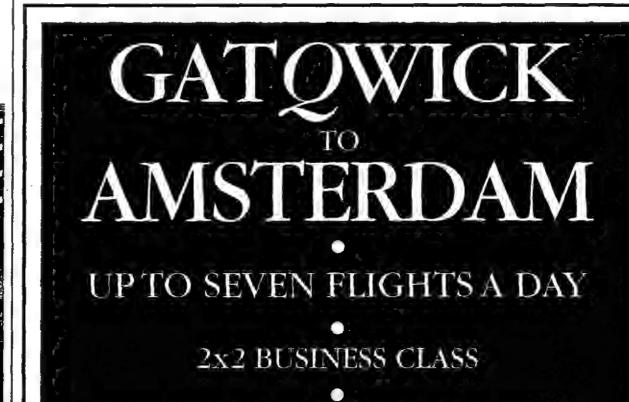
indeed, generating real organ

ic growth. In the short term though. the progress of the main new products is likely to dictate the share price. Hepa-gene-3, the Hepatitis B vaccine, is awaiting registration. If cleared for use, it is expected to become the most advanced product in a market that could have annual sales of \$1 billion a year by the middle of

The other key area in Medeva's expansion, and its riskiest gamble to date, was the \$55 million acquisition of Armstrong in America last month. Armstrong is awaiting approval from the Food and Drug Administration for its anti-asituma drugs. If ap-proved, the company will compete against Ventolin, Glaxo's respiratory drug, in a market worth \$400 million a year. If not, the acquisition of Armstrong and Adams, the respiratory drug distributor.

will look very expensive.

Even without these, Medeva is capable of producing £50 million profit next year. While the group is still highly rated, the p/e ratio of 14 is not exorbitant, given the poten-tial upside, and the shares at



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STOCK MARKET

Late surge leads to record high

THE equity market extended this week's record-breaking run with share prices closing at another all-time high as the two-week trading account drew to a close.

The FT-SE 100 index. having marked time for much of the session, had a late surge, closing near its best of the day with a rise of 18.3 to 2,760.1, for a two-day lead of 50.5 points. It brings the gain on the two-week account to 62.7.

But dealers described tradition conditions as thin, with turnover of 665 million shares boosted by end of account profit-taking. There was little evidence of buying for the new

STOCKS TO BE SOLD

account starting on Monday. The late raily appears to have been fuelled by a squeeze in the financial futures market, combined with an opening 26-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street following the Thanksgiving holiday. The first cracks began to

appear among the utilities, which have led the rest of the market higher in recent weeks. Some fund managers appear to believe that the water and electricity companies may have started to run out of steam. Others remain concerned about the possibility of further regulatory problems.

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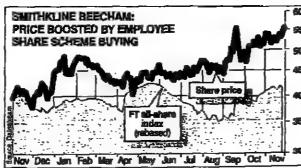
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Among the water companies, Anglian fell 12p to 472p. Northumbrian 6p to 542p. North West 7p to 477p. Severa Treat 10p to 452p. Southern 10p to 453p, South

West 10p to 488p, Thames 7p to 482p. Weish 14p to 512p. Wessex 9p to 564p and Yorkshire 14p to 516p.

Among the electricity dis-

tributors, East Midland lost 4p at 408p. London 4p at 427p, Manweb 7p to 485p. Midlands 6p to 45 lp. Northern 10p to 450p, Norweb 7p to 450p. Southern 4p to 420p. South Wales 10p to 497p. South West 7p to 445p and

Yorkshire 3p to 477p. Allied-Lyons fell 1p to 642p after being given government approval to merge its brewing and wholesaling operations with those of Carlsberg, the Danish brewer, after a report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in July. The venture is expected to give the new company about 19 per cent of the beer market.

SmithKline Beecham A hardened another 122p to 5542p as the trustees of the company's share ownership scheme picked up 14 million shares in the marketplace at

Earlier this week, the SB share price was boosted by the news that it had received

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> rise of 10p to 402p as fund managers began to have second thoughts about this week's trip by analysts to Manchester and the group's operations in France. Wassall, the industrial con-

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glomerate bidding for Evode, ended the day Ip lower at 180p after going ex-rights. The group is raising £103 million by way of a three-forfive rights at 150p. Granada, the television

rental and leisure group, jumped 8p to 296p ahead of interim figures next week. These are expected to show pre-tax profits recovering from £57 million to £115 million.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow continues rally to rise 16

0.23 points lower at 1,522.95.

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THE TIMES SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

New York - Blue chips recorded modest gains on fol-low-through buying from this week's rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 15.94 points higher at 3,282.2, with advancing issues leading declining shares by about five to

☐ Tokyo - Shares closed mixed to end a six-day rally. Profit-taking and pre-weekend position closing squeezed prices, but buying spurred by the absence of revelations from restimony on political scandals, and growing confidence that no drastic drops were imminent, kept the time

ICI remained out of favour, with the institutions closing The Nikkei average was down 8.43 points, or 0.05 per unchanged at 981p. The City cent, to 17,470.61, with an my's proposal to demerge its estimated 250 million shares businesses into two seperate traded. The broader first section Topix index was up 4.48 points, or 0.34 per cent, to Stock shortages and the 1.307.54 dollar's recent strength lifted Renters 37p to a new peak of



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investors showing little willingness to take up any new positions in view of the current array of negative fundamentals, share traders said. The 30-share Dax index ended

prices were mixed at the end of Singapore — Share prices closed higher on institutional buying but late profit-taking crased some early gains, deal. ers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,447.96, up 10.97 points from Thursday but off the day's high of 1,455.85.

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Nould it be that the Securities and Investments Board is preparing to make an about turn on the subject of commission disclosure? Might it be ready to accept any recommendations that come from the Office of Fair Trading in the next few weeks that all investors should be told at the time they buy a policy, unit trust or pork belly future just what the salesman will get out of it?

Yesterday Andrew Large, who be-came SIB chairman in June, told a conference of financial advisers there was "enormous concern" about reported mis-selling of life assurance. Addressing the problems of the wrong products being sold and the lack of clear information for investors when they sign an application form, will remain the mainchallenges for the investment industry over the coming months, he

The disclosure of commission in cash terms would be one way of re-moving the temptation for salesmen to sell products that give them the highest commission but which may

SIB sees salvation in training

be unsuitable for the investors. Once it became obvious that selling the 25-year policy instead of the unit trust or tax-exempt special savings account earned the seller a lot more, only the most brass-necked salesman would be able to continue stuffing the high commission earners into almost every portfolio.

There are some investors who benefit from investing in bonds rather than unit trusts. There are also perfectly reasonable investment strategies that involve planned encashments of policies before maturity but not as many as the sales figures for bonds and the lapse figures for policies indicate.

It will be up to professional salesmen to make a proper case for such investments to the specific investors who will benefit. There might also be a big re-design of insurance products once it became dear how little was being invested in



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the early years in many investment products. There are companies already looking at ways of reducing the front-end costs on policies so that they can improve the investment performance. This would be a profound benefit from the Financial Services Act everyone would cheer.

Some insurance companies already recognise that high lapse rates could prove more costly to them if they do not do something to reduce them. Regulators are keen that the person sold an unsuitable policy by a salesman should not lose out. If best advice has not been given then the

customer should be put back in the position they would have been in had they never met the salesman.

Of course, that relies on the customer realising something is

wrong or the company being caught out with inadequate information on their records or details that do not tally with the recommendations made. This means salesmen are willing to risk not being caught. After all, commission up-front is very attractive in these lean times. When a policy lapses, an insurance company may pursue the salesman for all or part of the commission, but

really add to the pain would be if the regulators decided that those with the highest lapse rates should be ordered to improve their surrender values so the company suffered as much loss as the investor.

raining is the answer, says Mr Large, and many in the industry agree that since they improved their training the quality of their business has improved. It would be in the industry's interests if more salesmen were real professional advisers, with educational achievements to persuade investors of their excellence. Who knows more investors might be willing to pay fees. Until standards of competence rise, Mr Large says that it will continue to adopt a prescriptive approach. He accepts that negligence is more of a problem than fraud. In many cases the results of

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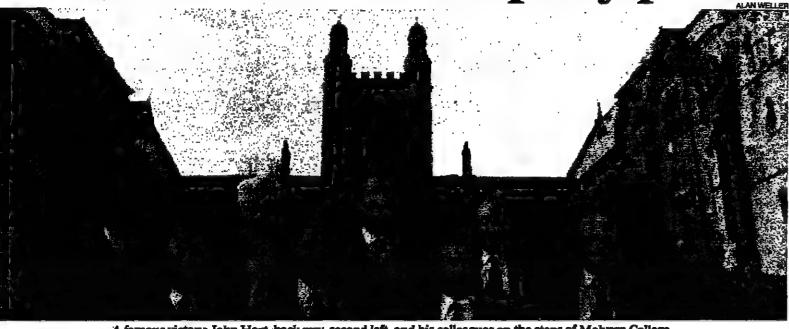
carelessness or ill-informed salesmen are worse than the broker that runs off with clients' money. When a fraudster does a bunk, everyone knows and the investors' compensation scheme sets about finding the known investors and encouraging them to make a claim. Then those with less than £30,000 at stake get all their money back and those with £50,000 or more get £48,000

The victims of the inadequate salesmen may not know it until they receive their final payout and find that capital gains tax was deducted when they as individuals have no liability to the tax or find something else is wrong years later. By then it is usually too late to do anything. The Securities and Investments

Board must be supported in its attempts to raise standards throughout the industry. Too often salesmen have blind faith in a product because it is from a large company with a reputable name. Recent publicity has shown that the biggest names can get it wrong as well when it comes to selling investments.

Long-running battle ends in victory for school teachers

Law lords rule against Revenue claim for tax on company perks



A famous victory: John Hart, back row, second left, and his colleagues on the steps of Malvern College

expected them to be. The case of Pepper v. Hart hinged on whether school teachers at Malvern College, Worcestershire, should pay tax on the full cost of providing theap places for their sons at the width or their sons at the MILLIONS of taxpayers will not have to pay extra income tax this year because of a House of Lords ruling this week. The law lords found in favour of a group of school teachers after a protracted battle dating back almost ten public school or on the additional cost of providing the

if the inland Reven The teachers were paying won, extra tax bills would have been sent to employees who 20 per cent of the usual fees receive perks from their job. and this was said to cover the extra costs of food, laundry such as cheap air tickets, free and books. The Inland Reverail travel or even discounted clothes and books. However, nue said that instead of this the victory may be short-lived marginal cost being taken into as tax experts predict that the account for tax purposes, the law may be changed next year average cost of teaching every so that employees are taxed in pupil should be used for the the way that the Revenue tax bill.

The Revenue won at the High Court in 1989, and the Court of Appeal in November 1990, but seven law lords unanimously found for the texpavets on Thursday.

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If the case had been won by the Revenue, rail and airline employees plus anyone receiving discounts or using executive dining rooms, or company sports facilities could have received an extra tax bill for the year that started on April 6. In preparation for the result, the Revenue had given an undertaking to accountants that they would not seek to claim tax on benefits enjoyed before then.

While the sons of the school teachers concerned have now all left the college, those teachers whose children are still pupils will be relieved to find that they will not have to pay

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY BOITOR tax on the full £11,000 of fees that are currently charged, or the average cost of providing a

place at the school.

Taken to the extreme, the Revenue, under its reading of the law, would have charged an airline employee receiving concessionary fares an exorbionly a few people using the flight then, technically, the cost of getting the aircraft to the destination would be divided between the number of passengers and the tax charged on the individual portion. Many employers have held back from giving discounts and benefits as part a profit." Ms Ferrar said that all discussions with the Revenue before the ruling had been on the basis that it would win the case. She added: "There have been suggestions that if they did not win, they might enact the legislation as they believed it to be in the

This could be in March or November as the Autumn Statement will contain tax measures and it may take that long to consult on the propos-al. It is likely that any proposed legislation would put an upper limit on the cost of an item or service as the cost to the public. If legislation is

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of their salary packages because this case was expected to end them.

Leslie Ferrar, a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant, said: "If the Revenue had won, it would have had very wide-ranging consequences. People could have been taxed on sporting facilities, executive dining rooms, subsidised train fairs, cheap journeys on cross-channel ferries and knockdown remaindered goods. "Taken to the extreme, if a company was making a loss on providing goods or services, employees would pay more tax than

where a company was making

proposed, Ms Ferrar said it could include lavish corporate hospitality. "The Revenue has never liked over-the-top corporate entertainment at grand events such as Wimbledon."

Maurice Parry-Wingfield, tax technical partner of Tou-che Ross, said: "Let us hope that the government now leaves well alone and resists any temptation to change the

He added: "It is not even clear that, in the end, much more tax would have been due than is now collected on benefits in the vast majority of ordinary cases, merely a lot of

Determined Hart tain his name will go down in tax and legal history as one half of the long-running Pep-per v Hart case (Sara McConnell writes). outruns taxman Mr Hart and his nine olleagues at Malvern College

ries. This would have meant

finally triumphed this week in a nine-year battle with the Inland Revenue over how higher tax bills. Mr Hart said he would have had a relatively small tax bill of an extra £1,000 if the appeal had gone against the masters, because his two sons had only four more terms to go when the battle began. Some of his colleagues would Mr Hart, senior classics master at the college, said: "My first reaction to the have been harder hit because their children had just started at the school and had five years's fees ahead of them.

Thirteen masters and mistresses have 17 children between them in the school. Full day-pupil fees are £2,665 a term. The masters' case was based on the fact that educating their sons was not costing the school any extra money because heating, lighting, staff costs and other bills would have been the same whether they were there or not. Any additional costs were covered by the 20 per cent of

the fee they were paying. The same argument applies in the case of companies like British Airways, which offers staff flights at 10 per cent of their normal cost. The cost to

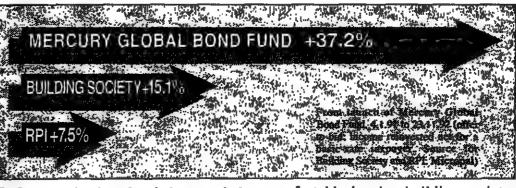
the company of running the flight, in fuel staff costs and landing fees is the same regardless of whether staff are travelling at reduced cost. The only extra cost would be food, which is marginal and usually discounted. If the appeal had gone against the taxpayer, airlines would have had to work out an average of their total cost for each staff member getting the perk.

British Rail said this week that it was "relieved that it no longer had to explore the implications for our comimplications for our com-pany". Its employees get a privilege ticket, entitling them to a 75 per discount off the full fare on all rail jour-neys and between 14 and 20 named days of free travel a year. They get free season ticket travel to work within eight miles of their home station and 40 miles of Charstation and 40 miles of Charing Cross if they live in London. Some of these bene fits are already taxable.

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Golden route round NI

EMPLOYERS have been turning to methods other than cash for paying staff to cut their tax bills. One firm paid its staff bonuses totalling £600,000 and saved itself £98,000 (Lindsay Cook writes).

Gill Edwards, who runs the Motivation Marketing Board, says that firms are using vouchers to pay overtime and bonuses when they have pay freezes. It cuts the cost for the employer by the 10.4 per cent it would pay in National Insurance contributions and can save the staff 9 per cent because they do not have to pay National Insurance contributions on

"More and more companies are look-ing at saving money on the payroll, while giving the employees more."

Such schemes may be short-lived though, the government is believed to be uncomfortable about the use of voucher schemes to pay bonuses and schemes which pay bonuses in gold bars to avoid

National Insurance contributions. Leslie Ferrar, partner at KPMG Peat Marwick, said: "Their exemption from National Insurance could be stopped at very short notice. All it would take would

be a statutory instrument."

The gold schemes were devised after Tony Newton, social security minister, ammounced on November 6 that NI contributions would be levied on earnings paid in shares or unit trusts. Until then many firms had paid bonuses in cash unit trusts which could be redeemed the

following day without loss.

The move was to stop £25 million a year being lost in NI contribution on about £250 million being paid in non-cash bonuses. Much of this has been routed to

gold and voucher schemes.

If the government were to levy National Insurance contributions on vouchers it would have to exempt childcare vouchers which are paid to employees by firms that do not have creche facilities. The vouchers are already taxed as a benefit in kind, whereas workplace nurseries are not.

While the employees paid by these schemes usually earn too much to pay NI on their bonuses, their employers save their NI contributions. To avoid tax, the bonuses have to be paid in vouchers or expressed in gold rather than sterling. To make the gold schemes worthwhile, the employer needs to have £250,000 to £500,000 to pay over. The bullion is held

be paid on it. It is held typically in Hong Kong or America and some schemes even make sure that the employee is at no risk to currency or gold price fluctuations. Others limit the risk of moves to one day before the gold is sold and cash transferred to a LIV bank and cash transf ferred to a UK bank account for the

Sean O'Hare, senior manager at Price Waterhouse, the accountants, said: "A lot of caution is required. The gold schemes were used a lot at the end of the last financial year. It was assumed they would be stopped, but they have not been yet."
Mrs Edwards reports a large increase in
business for vouchers. Her business is up 880 per cent this quarter on the previous quarter and she is taking on extra staff. She said that many firms were looking at profit-related pay as a way of paying more cash to employees who then pay less tax. It was possible for a company to save 3 per cent on its tax bill and for employees to

end up 3 per cent better off, he said. The Inland Revenue was paying close attention to such schemes to ensure that they were genuine and not a redistribution of existing earnings.



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Endowment bonus rates under siege

PAYOUTS on 25-year endowment policies will have to come down from about £63,000 to about £50,000 in the next five years if present investment trends continue, Mercer Fraser, a leading firm of consulting actuaries said

The payout on ten-year policies should shrink from about £7,200 to £5,700 over the same period, it said.

Life offices are widely expected to announce cuts of about 10 per cent in payouts on shorter-term policies maas well as a bonus on the guaranteed sum assured. In some cases, terminal bonuses make up almost half the final payout and depend heavily on investment performance in the year the policy matures.

Peter Turvey, principal at Mercer Fraser, said people could no longer realistically expect payouts of £63,000 after investing the average £30 a month for 25 years. He said: "People have got used to numbers like £60,000. Life offices need to manage a transition. We are going to

'People can no longer expect £63,000 by investing £30 a month for 25 years'

turing in 1992 as the bonus declaration season gets under way in the next few months. This will be the third year that bonuses on such policies have been cut and it looks likely to be part of a continuing trend. More and deeper cuts in 25-

cards as offices find that they are unable to sustain high bonus rates. In the past few years, some have been reluctant to cut rates on longer-term policies but have felt the strain, particularly on terminal bonuses that are added in the year the

policy matures, while annual

bonuses cannot be taken

year policies are also on the

Traditional with-profits policies earn bonuses on bonuses

have to come down to the £50,000-ish level in five years'

Returns on life offices' equi-ty and fixed-interest securities have shrunk from about 17.5 per cent a year in the late 1980s to about 10 per cent now, as interest rates and inflation fall. Mr Turvey said: "We came from a terrible inflationary period in the late 1980s. A couple of years ago the penny started dropping. although interest rates were still higher than now. Now we have had five years of not very good returns and they weren't five flukey years."

There should be a "steady

rogression" of cuts of about 2,000 a year on 25-year policy payouts, Mr Turvey

WHEN OTHER INVESTMENT

RATES ARE FALLING

year policies should be about £500. This year's bonus declaration round has not yet started, but Scottish Equitable announced a surprise interim bonus cut this week, giving a taste of what is to come. Payouts on ten-year policies have been cut by 9.1 per cent and 25-year policies have been

cut 3.6 per cent. Bill Stewart, group marketing manager at Scottish Equitable, said another cut in rates next year could not be ruled

out. He said: "Our investment returns are not good. We didn't cut last year; there was just a bit of readjustment. Noone is now able to earn enough in investment returns to cover high bonus payouts." Norwich Union, which last

year broke with its tradition of being the first to announce bonus rates then announced cuts of up to 12 per cent, believes a 10 per cent cut on ten-year policies is likely. It also said further cuts on 25year policies were possible.

Philip Scott, general manager at Norwich Union, said the pace had been set at the convention in Harrogate in September, when there was general agreement among ac-tuaries that there would have

"In the 1980s, returns were much higher than anything seen in the previous decade. In . 1990-1, the return on all instrance company assets was

to be further cuts in bonus

compared with 20 per cent in the early 1980s. "He said that someone with a policy matur-ing this year would have seven years of high returns and three years of lower returns, but good years still outweighed

policy holder who took out a olan three years ago will not have the advantage of any years of high returns. Dealers in second hand endowment policies are also preparing for homus rate cuts over the coming months.

Beale Dobie has reduced its prices to buyers of endowments, assuming a 10 per cent reduction in reversionary bonus rates, a 10 per cent reduction in terminal homes on policies with an original term of 18 years or less, and a 5 per cent reduction in terminal bonus rates for persons issued on a term of 19 years or

Policy Portfolio, another market-maker in secondinand policies, said sellers of endow ment policies could find they get a lower rate if their policy's with an office that has cut is bomises more heavily than those of its conspetitors.

Now it is possible to get between 15 per cent to 20 per cent more than the surrender value from the life office. Sammy Alexander, a director at Policy Portfolio, said that after the bonus rate round was finished, if some maturity values fell, the price of the policy in the second-hand mutter would probably fall by

Co-op Bank offers no-fee Visa card

THE Co-operative Bank has introduced another Visa credit card carrying the guarantee that holders will never have to pay an annual fee (Sara McConnell writes). The card, called the Robert Owen card after the pioneer of the Cooperative movement, follows the launch of the bank's "free for life" Gold card 15 months ago. Applicants will have to be aged more than 25, own their own home and earn at least £15,000 a year. They must also already hold a credit card issued by any British bank.

However, Terry Thomas, Co-op's managing director, said these requirements would not be enough in themselves. The bank only wants people who use their cards regularly and heavily, so that it can recoup its costs. It also wants to encourage people not to pay off their card balances in full every

extra ten days in which to pay their minimum balance. Those who want to pay in full have 15 days only in which to do this, shorter than the average 25 days allowed by most card issuers. As a further incentive, cus-

tomers spending more than £300 a month and not paying off their balance in full will pay a lower monthly 1.7 per cent (an annual rate of 22.42

per cent). Those who set up a monthly direct debit to pay of their minimum balance will also get this rate. Customers spending less than £100 a month and not erasing their balance will be penalised with higher 2.2 per cent a month (APR 29.84 per cent). This would make the Robert Owen card one of the most expensive for such customers. Those £100 will be charged 1.95 per cent a month (an APR of 26.08 per cent). Cardholders must use the card at least ten

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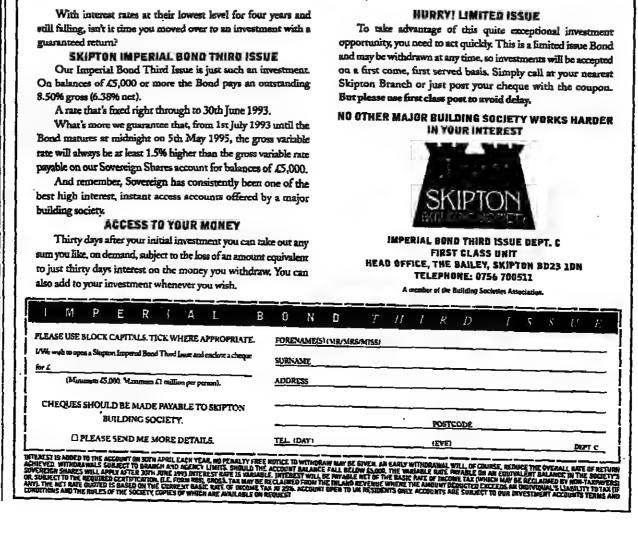
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Battling with the banking brigade: Monique Allan

Customers reach deadlock over banking complaints

TWO customers this week accused Bardays and Nat-ional Westminster of dragging out their complaints processes unnecessarily and delaying the investigation of the complaints by the banking

The ombudsman cannot investigate until a bank's internal complaints procedures have been exhausted. If no agreement is reached, the bank issues a "deadlock letter" allowing the ombudsman's

enquiry to go ahead.

Monique Allan, who took a complaint to the banking ombudsman at the beginning of the year, is still trying to get her bank to agree to the case being heard. She said: "I cannot help but

either to wear me down or bore me into giving up." Another customer, who has had to wait nearly as long.

suspect that they are trying

Liz Dolan reports on two cases where customers are accusing

banks of stalling their enquiries

went round in circles" at his bank for months after the two sides had clearly reached deadlock. Two weeks ago, the hank finally issued the magic "deadlock letter".

Both complainants say the banks have remained consistently opposed to the ombuds-man's decision to investigate the complaints because the areas involved fall outside his jurisdiction. Ms Allan says her bank, Barclays, was still ques-tioning the terms of reference three months after the ombudsman had agreed to act.

Barclays has yet to issue a "deadlock letter". Instead, it has requested another meet-

Ms Allan said: "I have agreed to see them because I want to show willing. But I am very suspicious about all this. I am worried that they will use the meeting to prove we still haven't reached deadlock."

She says she will not go to Tuesday's meeting unless Barclays confirms in writing that her presence in no way weakens her own and the ombudsman's contention that the case is within his terms of reference. Ms Allan, a barrister, intends to bring another lawyer to witness the discussion.

The other complainant, a National Westminster customer, says his own bank manager advised him to contact the ombudsman after they had failed over a number of

months to reach agreement.

The ombudsman agreed to investigate the complaint and requested a letter from the bank stating that deadlock had been reached.

Months of delay followed, the customer says, during which the senior legal adviser, who had been dealing with the case, referred it back to NatWest's customer relations officer. "Then it looked as though they were going to go into it from the beginning all over again. It felt as though they were stalling for time. It just went backwards and forwards, while they said continually that they disagreed with the ombudsman's decision to

Both cases involve disputes

complainants maintain their respective banks failed to inform them that the interest rates paid on their savings had been cut after the accounts had been closed to new customers. The building society ombuds-man has already ruled in favour of people who made similar complaints about obsolete building society accounts.

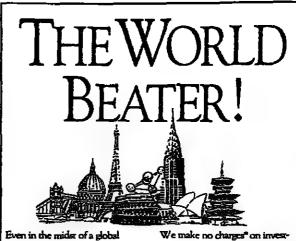
The banking ombudsman has taken up both cases be-cause they related to the question of whether banks had given "reasonable and proper advice to customers when the accounts were downgraded.

Chris Eadie, deputy banking ombudsman, said: "No matter how strongly a bank puts its case, there is no question of our changing our minds if we have made a decision on merit. We would hope that banks are not refusing to issue a deadlock letter because they consider a case ineligible for investigation by the ombudsman. It is the ombudsman's decision, not the bank's."
Barclays said: "Deadlock

letters are only written when the relationship has broken down. The Monique Allan case continues in discussion. The relationship has not bro-ken down. We continue to publish all interest rates in eaflets in all our branches."

NatWest said: "The question of whether it is right for this type of dispute to be dealt with by the banking ombudsman is something we are presently in discussion with him

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Spotlight on status of PAM

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

INVESTORS with Protected Asset Management could be confused about the status of the independent financial adviser, which specialises in broker bonds.

The firm, whose principal is Edwin Forry Hargitt, was, according to the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Inte Brokers Regulatory Associ-ation (Fimbra), suspended at the beginning of last month under rule 7. This meant it could not conduct, complete or solicit any investment busi-

Not so, says a spokeswoman for the firm, who identified herself as a daughter of Mr Hargitt. "We were never suspended. We were trading under a direction."

The regulator countered that Protected Asset Management was suspended and had been told not to conduct any investment business. It was still, however, a member of the association. Fimbra said it had acted because of "the member's misconduct in relation to the use of a misleading and unauthorised statement on a standard dient application

While Fimbra says staff must be told when a firm is suspended, not all the clients have to be informed. Protected Asset Management does not deal directly with investors but with other brokers, who were informed of the direction. according

Two weeks later on October 15, the suspension was varied. according to Fimbra, so that he broker, at Manchester

Street in London's West End, could carry on limited investment business with the prior approval of the regulator.
But this restriction was lifted on November 13 and the firm

can now continue in the investment business for which it is authorised. Fimbra said: "There is always a very good reason in investor protection terms for suspending a firm. In the majority of cases, usually disciplinary proceedings follow. That is between the association and the member."

The firm is a category two member of the regulator, which is authorised to handle cilent money and operate as a broker fund manager.

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companies and interest-bear-

The spokeswoman said the income and growth bond was no longer marketed. She said the firm had not been suspended. "Throughout the per-iod we continued to manage

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Act came into effect in April 1988, Fimbra has revoked the

look into the case."

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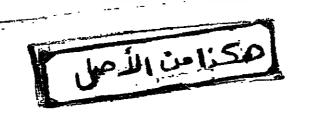
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The latest rate cut mea that many smaller savers with less than £5,000 in an instant access account are barely receiving a positive net return on their money. Abbey National and the Leeds Permanent are both paying 3.9 per cent.

But anyone with at least £1,000 to invest could get up to 5 per cent net. 7 per cent gross, after charges, on a cash gross, aner charge, and trusts fund. These are unit trusts investing in the money market accounts of UK-based banks. Unlike equity-based unit masts, they have no initial

fall in earnest following Britain's departure from the ERM. Judy Delaforce, Fidelity's product development er, said that the fund had now attracted £96 million. October. But Ms Delaforce aid: "The overall perception is that people do not seem to be aware that there is a general nationwide downward trend. They think it is just their building society that is cutting rates."

Interest paid by a cash fund is calculated on the balance in the fund on a daily basis and investors can take a monthly income. The minimum lump sum investment is £1,000 and the minimum regular month ly investment £50.

Julian Tregoning, Save & Prosper's director of investment products, said there had been a "steady flow of money into the company's cash fund" but it had been "from a low level". The cash fund is paying 6.23 per cent gross, 4.67 per cent net after charges on minimum balances of £1,000.

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Fidelity has seen its offshore

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marks, 8.14 per cent gross.

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offshore, said Fidelity. Howe currency funds are also offerdeposits than high street nks and building societies. Rothschild Asset Manageent, which has just under

£1.4 billion of offshore currenfunds under management on Guernsey, is offering a gross yield after charges of per cent on its sterling fund. There is no minimum investment Income is paid gross and can be paid as

> We are seeing a public-driven, intelligent demand, for bonds'

income or rolled up. Investors can hold their money in any one of 18 currencies, includsterling. Whichever UK domiciled investors choose, they will have to pay tax on income when the funds are repatriated to the UK. But by rolling up the income, tax can

schild Asset Management's managing director, reported There have been strong net Companies are also reporting a significant interest in bond funds. These funds invest in a combination of gilts and international government bonds Unlike cash and deposit funds, the capital investment in a bond can grow as well as paying out a yield. But the value of the investment can go-

Richard Royds, managing

We are seeing a public-

Bond funds benefit when nterest rates are on their way down because the capital value of gilts and government bonds higher than in Britain also make money on the yield from the fund. Those holding bonds in foreign currencies could also benefit from the reakness of sterling

Mercury's bond fund is paying 5.25 per cent gross after changes. The minimum investment is £1,000;

Guinness Flight has been promoting bond funds strongfor the last 20 months and as noticed that in October it 22 million and expects Noember's total to be higher.

The group offers a monthly produce a high level of income gross income of about 9 per cent. The minimum invest-£1,000 and to get monthly income at least £1,000 has to

Royal Life to slim broker funds

ROYAL Life is planning to close or merge up to 25 of its broker funds because their performance has been unacceptably poor. Some of them have been losing 20 per cent a year. The company is expected to make a decision next week on which funds will be closed, and the first closures could come as early as next month.

Many more broker bonds run by other life offices could also be closed as companies start to take advantage of new powers given to them by the trade department a year ago this month. These gave legal force to the principle that life offices should be accountable for the acts of those they appoint to manage their broker funds.

Rod Sweeney, Royal Life's investments product director, said the company had been "more than worried" about the performance of some of the funds languishing at the bottom of the perfor-mance tables. The company has already closed 23 funds this year. Likely candidates for closure or merger with Royal's internal funds include the G & T Smaller Companies fund and Master Portfolio A.

G & T has turned a sum of £100

invested on January I 1990 into just £20.85, according to statistics from Micropal. The same sum invested on December 2 last year would have almost halved to £53.02. Master Portfolio C has done little better, turning £100 invested on January I 1992 into £53.40. Mr. Sweeney said: "Some of these funds were. quite large in the haleyon days of the 1980s, but the poor performance is simply down to poor stock selection." He said it was difficult to compare the

performance of a Royal broker fund with a Royal internal fund investing in roughly similar stocks because brokers' investment objectives could be different. Under rules drawn up last year, brokers are also able to set their own benchmarks of investment performance so that investors can see whether or not these have been reached. However, the Royal Heritage Option Emerging Companies market, a smaller companies fund like G & T's, had grown 3.4 per cent over the last month and 7.4 per cent over the last

Brokers can now only recommend a broker fund if they can prove to their client and to the Financial Intermedian-

ies, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, their regulator, that they are offering "added value" by their investment skills and so giving good advice. They get extra commission for running their own funds and this adds an extra layer of charges for the investor. The life company also makes a charge for administering the fund.

Until this time last year, life companies running broker bonds could not intervene if performance was poor because the broker was accountable only to the investor as his client. The trade department regulations now say "life offices will be permitted to link to externally managed funds (broker bonds) only if they accept responsibility for the acts of the fund managers in their capacity as fund managers." Life companies are not responsible if a broker missappropriates clients' money, "nor do the regulations make life offices responsible for competent investment decisions properly taken but which nonetheless result in loss".

Royal will write to the investors with money in any of the bond funds it closes or merges giving them a month's notice of its action.

The Abbey National says demand for fixed rates has been strong since Black Wednesday. Its seven-year fixed rate loan of 8.65 per cent fixed until January 31, 2000, was withdrawn this week and re-placed with another at 8.69 per cent. Similarly, a rate of 6.99 per cent fixed until January 31, 1995, has been withdrawn in favour of another with a higher rate of 7.29 per cent fixed for the same length of time. Both new

loans have a fee of £199. Customers remortgaging or switching to Abbey National receive up to £250 in legal extrenses and mortgage valuation fees.

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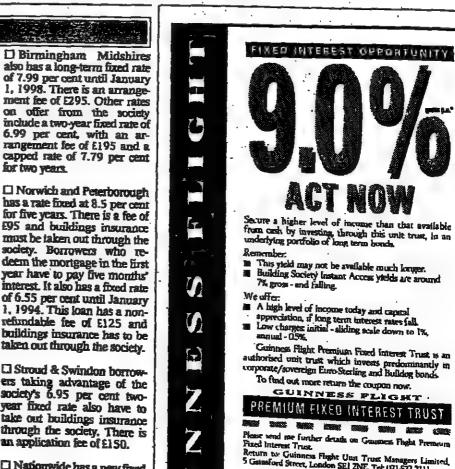
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D Birmingham Midshires also has a long-term fixed rate of 7.99 per cent until January 1, 1998. There is an arrangement fee of £295. Other rates on offer from the society include a two-year fixed rate of 6.99 per cent, with an arrangement fee of £195 and a capped rate of 7.79 per cent for two years.

for five years. There is a fee of £95 and buildings insurance must be taken out through the society. Borrowers who redeem the mortgage in the first year have to pay five months' interest. It also has a fixed rate of 6.55 per cent until January 1, 1994. This loan has a nonrefundable fee of £125 and buildings insurance has to be taken out through the society.

☐ Stroud & Swindon borrowers taking advantage of the society's 6.95 per cent twoyear fixed rate also have to take out buildings insurance through the society. There is an application fee of £150.

☐ Nationwide has a new fixed rate of 7.25 per cent for two years. However, the offer will be available only to those who also take out the society's mortgage payment protection policy. This covers payments if borrowers are made redundant or are unable to work through sickness or accident



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Banks woo the newly redundant with business startup packages

BANKS are fielding a grow ing number of enquiries from people who want to start up businesses after they bear received a redundancy package or because they face the threat of unemployment.

Despite the recession, almost 200,000 small business es started up in the first half of this year, according to Nat-West's Small Business Startup index released this week and it is expected that more than 400,000 will form by the end

Most of the start-ups have been in the South East, followed by the Midlands and Wales, with the lowest level of activity in the South West.

The big four banks are offering special accounts, loans, incentive and advice to business customers ranging from how to obtain government grants to drawing up a business plan and marketing.

The services vary considerably, but before working out which suits a person best the hanks advise potential dients to consider whether they have enough initiative, resilience and determination to see their business plan through.

Dean Farrow, who started up the publishing company Sentacom in the City of London six years ago, warned: "It's a buzz, a challenge and a game, but you have to sacrifice

He added: "You need 100 per cent commitment and five years to see it through. Don't do it unless you believe in your dream. You have to keep the tax and Vatman happy. There's a lot of pressure and a lot of worry.

National Westminster Bank is offering people who open a business account with them a free Betacom telephone, £125 discount on a Canon fax and a 20 per cent discount on a Panasonic answering machine until the end of this

The NatWest start-up.service begins with talking to the small business adviser at any branch who gives customers a comprehensive 54-page guide and helps find out whether they are entitled to any government or EC grant.

The government offers a loan guarantee scheme to firms unable to take out conventional loans because they

erring.



Start of a dream for many: NatWest is one bank offering incentives for those wishing to begin a new business

record. Under this, 70 per cent of the loan is guaranteed over two to seven years at a premium of 2.5 per cent.

Details of this scheme and others are available from the DTI and local government Training and Enterprise Councils around the country. There is also a Business Expansion Scheme which makes shares in small firms more attractive by granting tax relief on up to £40,000.

British Coal Enterprise is offering low-interest loans to firms thinking of locating in coalmining areas, while British Steel Industry offers similar incentives for traditional Steel arrest

An Enterprise Allowance scheme for the unemployed who want to set up their own business is also available, usually consisting of weekly payments for the first year to see them through the difficult

NatWest gives 12 months banking free of the usual transaction fees, provided the business customer's account stays in credit and no more than £100,000 is paid out. If entra capital is needed in the first year the customer can apply for the Business Startup Loan which gives a preferential rate of interest below that of the standard fixed-rate

Business Development Loan. This allows between £1,000 to £15,000 to be borrowed for up to ten years, with monthly interest rates as well as repayments the same during the term of the loan, although customers can arrange to pay interest only for a maximum

of the first six months. Lloyds Bank offers commis sion-free banking for small business accounts who forecast a yearly turnover of not

banking whether in credit or overdrawn, standard orders, direct debits, statements and cash navments

this loan and there is an

arrangement fee of 1.25 per

However, Harle points out:

"Only 50 per cent of business-

es borrow from the bank. A lot

of people use their money

either from a redundancy cheque or from selling their

Small businesses fortunate

enough to be making money

in the recession have access to

Midlands' special high inter-

Not surprisingly, Barclays also offers free — if in credit —

banking for 12 months to

firms with an annual turnover

of less than £100,000. The

bank's business starter loan

allows a six-month capital and

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account 10 days before they

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est business account.

Midland Bank also has booklets giving customers advice on the first steps to setting up a business, right down to the manitoring control and growth of it.

Neil Harle, manager of Midland Enterprise, said in the current climate of unemployment: "If one is made

'It's a buzz, a challenge and a game, but you have to sacrifice everything'

more than £100,000 whether in credit, or less than £100

The customer also receives a Small Business Guide worth £14.99, a starter pack and two years' free subscription to the oint venture service with Dun & Bradstreet which provides debt collection, credit manage ment and training.

Small business loans from £1,000 to £15,000 are available with repayment terms of up to five years. Loans of over £15,000 are available for up to

In addition, people who qualify for the Enterprise Allowance scheme receive free redundant the options are to retire, get another job or start up your own business, and the latter may sometimes be the only option

Like rival banks, Midland offers 12 months' commission- free banking for its business customers, about 90 per cent of whom have a surnover of £50,000 or less.

Midlands Enterprise loans of up to £15,000 can be paid over a period of up to 10 years and incur no arrangement or other fee. The Business Loan for £5,000 and over is typically 3 or 4 per cent above base rate, but it negotiable according to the manager's risk assessHelping make the world go round

produced a leaflet to help those setting up a business. It advises people planning to take the plunge to avoid the Christopher Columbus approach. When he set out on his journey, he did not know where he was going. He did not know where he was when he arrived and when he got back, he did not know where he had

Accountants, the free leaflet says, will help new businessmen and women to decide

partnership or a limited company.

Once the business is up and running accountants can help with budgets, forecasts, tax and Vat regulations and the preparations of wage and salary calculations. They will also help to raise finance and guide on whether to

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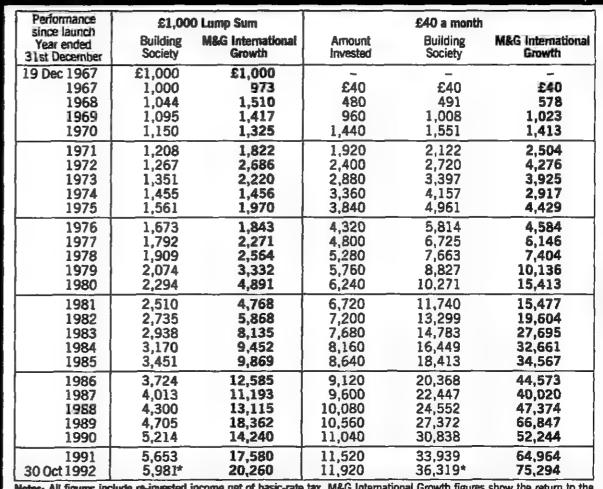


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From Mrs E. A. Forster Sir, Since our children were born 11 and 10 years ago, we have been fortunate enough to be able to save their fourweekly Child Benefit Payment for them either as Premium Bonds, National Savings Certificates or Child Bonus Bonds. The benefit has always been enough to purchase £25 worth of savings for each of

It is now becoming increasingly more difficult to continue with this practice as it is no longer possible to buy National Savings Bonds in denominations smaller than £100. This minimum figure. will also apply to Premium Bonds purchased for them, from next February. My daughters already have the

maximum permitted holding in Child Bonus Bonds. It seems sad that the Treasury no longer seems to care that it is preventing regular savers of small amounts of money investing in govern-

From Mr Charles Morland.

Sir, I read with some interest

and much amazement the

letter from John Berry (Abbey

National policy on cheques

and interest) published on November 21.

one to believe that money transferred to Abbey Nation-

al's own current account to

ensure that a cheque is always

honoured is not temporarily

invested to earn money for

worth his salt takes advantage

of the clearing period to

maximise his organisation's

interest earnings.
If Abbey National's do not, I

suggest that for the benefit of shareholders, of which I am

Sir, The 1988 Housing Act

states that where living accom-

modation (i.e. bathroom or kitchen) is shared with the landlord, no formal notice or Court Order is required to end

the tenancy. "Reasonable no-tice" — which could be seven

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is required.

Yours faithfully

Lay Advocate,

SHELLA MORLEY,

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Abbey National?

Giving notice

From Shella Morley

Does Mr Berry really expect

Abbey National cheques and interest



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The second string of Mr.

Berry's defence of the Abbey

National's practice is fatuous.

Even the most elementary

course in book-keeping, rapid

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Given the Abbey National's

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extensive investment in com-

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reason why the concept cannot

be applied to cheque with-

drawals from savings accounts, for the benefit of

customers, of which also, I am

If Mr Berry and the Abbey

National find the concept too

difficult to grasp, I am sure

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Credit card arithmetic

From Mr B. E. Danton Sir. Referring to the letter from Mr Douglas Paling on his credit card account, I think I may have the answer to his

& Provincial Visa over a similar problem, but unlike Mr Paling I received an almost immediate response and exdanation. When I work back to say that I couldn't follow the explanation, they had the courtesy to telephone me, whereupon I was able to

drawai some six weeks earlier. credit. Subsequently the account went unto debit some that once the account is in debit, interest is charged on though the account was in credit at the time. If the account is not senied until the 'due" date, interest continuer to be charged from the "state ment" date until the "due" est charge will be shown on

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From David Grundy
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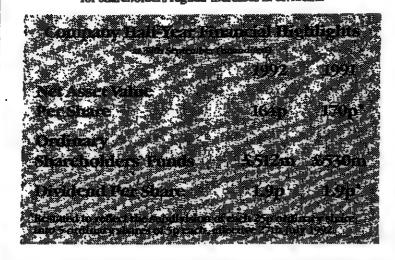
book-keeping system, al-though in my case I am not sure why, shoe in my personal

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Yours mithfulk DAVID GRUNDY. Chartered engineer. (retired). 3 Almond Walk -

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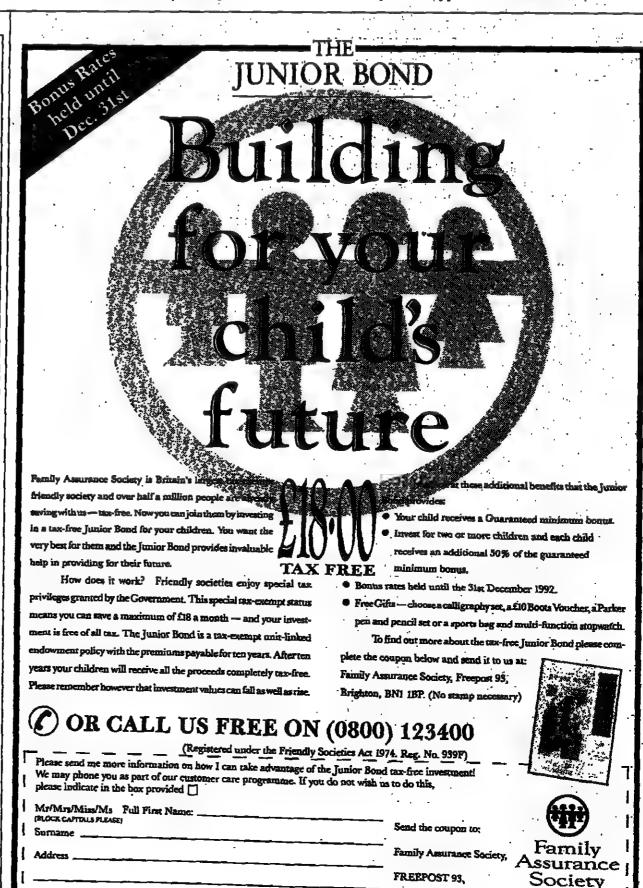
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Skinner and Barnes among Barbarians with plenty to prove at Twickenham

Australia retain drive at end of road

TO SAY that holiday time has overdoing it. But when you remember that, in the last 18 months, they have played precisely that number of international matches, they could be excused that end-of-term feeling. After all, Queensland do not begin training until January 4.

That does not mean they will go out and play like sandboys at Twickenham against the Barbarians today in the final match of their present tour. For one thing, the weather may not encourage it for another, there remains a certain amount of feeling between the two hemispheres about the respective

worth of their rugby.

For all that, the last two meetings between these teams 1984) and 62 (in 1988). Both were won by Australia, who would expect, at the end of several tours together, to beat a scratch combination in the seventh meeting, sponsored by Scottish Amicable, of a series which began in 1948.

There is always a tendency in the season preceding a British Isles tour to perceive in a Barbarians XV a shadow Lions side. The Baa-baas committee, having extended invi-tations to South Africa, Canada and New Zealand, would hardly go along with that, even though Danie Gerber has pulled out and left them with a midfield combination which would look quite well in Lions colours.

Of that midfield, Stuart Barnes will enjoy himself, calling the moves for a back division containing England's captain and Wales's former captain. Barnes has seldom failed to recognise an opportunity such as that presented



Facing forward: Skinner is up front with his Barbarians team-mates in training for today's match against Australia at Twickenham

The two will meet in a headto-head during the divisional championship, when Andrew captains London on their visit to Gloucester to play the South-West, captained by Barnes, on December 12. For now Barnes can crack the whip, hopeful that the combination of Ian Jones (who knows Australians well enough) and Norm Hadley (who does not) can provide him with plenty of lineout ball.

The resumption of combat between Mickey Skinner and Willie Ofahengaue should be worth the entrance money. too. The two flankers are among the game's most re-nowned tacklers and anyone through the inactivity of Rob Andrew, the obstacle to his winning more than eight caps. watching Ofahengaue against Wales last weekend will be aware that he has not left

Twickenham 12 months ago. completely behind his old trade as a pile driver. Of that side, only nine return, Skinner, though, will be this tour having suffered a giving his all in this match. Blackheath, his club, recoghigh attrition rate, so comparisons are invalid.

Nobody is looking back. Will Carling, the Barbarians captain, dismisses out of hand nise that he cannot play two games in 24 hours and have not picked him for their thirdround Pilkington Cup-tie any suggestion that victory against Harlequins tomorrow. today would be any compen-His fitness levels may not be all he would wish after a knee sation for England's loss to Australia in the final. "I would operation, which has kept him love to beat them but I was out of England squads this very impressed by their victory season, but Skinner will be over Wales, their attitude and character," Carling said. carried along by the international atmosphere.

Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, said be gave his players the option of playing festival rugby or winning rugby. Only two players appeared in this fixture four years ago: David Campese and Robert Jones. Since then, the Austra-They chose to end this stage of their long spell together by going out for the win," he added ominously. lian team has been turned upside down to produce the XV that won the World Cup at

TUDAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM Barbarians M A Raver

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> ☐ The 1948 Australians were the first to round off their tour with a game against the Barbarians, to assist the tour finances. The Barbarians won 9-6, outsoring their opponents — who had besten England, Scotland and Ireiand but lost to Wales — by three

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in this series has been played at Carofff, of which Australia have won three. The lest time the Barbanans beat a major touring side was the 1976 game with the Australians, which they won 19-7. Previous results (Barbarians first): 1948: 9-6; 1958: 1-6, 1967: 1948: 9-7; 1984:

Rise in injuries presents tough issue to tackle

Shall we let a hare loose? When will the time arrive, I wonder, when the international Football Board (IRFB) will be asked to consider whether rugby union players should be fitted with protective clothing to play the game? The board may not yet want to think of players wearing helmets but if the present trend continues, the other accourrements - shoulder. chest and thigh pads - of the American footballers may have to be introduced. sooner or later. Traditionalists may well frown but this should no longer be an idle

consideration. The incidence of shoulder injuries, or injuries arising out of the tackle, seem to have increased. David Wilson (shoulder fracture), of Australia, and Emyr Lewis (subluxation of the shoulder), of Wales, left the field at Cardiff last Saturday Michael Lynagh went bome after the Irish game to undergo an operation on his collarbone and lan Jones left the field in the Wales B game with concussion.

"Statistics are being com-piled," Dr John Davies, honorary physician to the Welsh rugby union and a member of the IRFB medical committee, said, "There is so much emphasis on tackling nowadays in the way, for instance, tackling ratios are taken at each match that we in the medical profession are left with the overall impression that there are more of these injuries at every level. A report will be submitted to the board next year."

hat is already cer-tain is that the nature of the tackle has changed. first manifestation of this was during the World Cup last autumn. Western Samoa's underdog charm was somewhat moderated by their fearsome tackling. Executing their tackles just within the limits of legality, they aimed chest-high.

The central text of any coach these days is defensive organisation. Suddenly, rugby has incorporated American football's jargon into its mainstream philosophy. Tackling must no longer be thought of as defensive, but offensive. The "offensive" tackle, as they say, is an "impact" tackle, aiming high so as not only to knock the man



GERALD DAVIES

Nothing apparently could nowadays guarantee a teacher to sound more oldfashioned than a corrective bellow from the touchline to "go for the legs, boy". There is a place for it still but don't shout about it. The crushing tenacity with which tackling is now pursued has a pitiless quality. The manner has been borrowed from American football and rugby league. While parallels can be drawn from both these sports, the tackling styles cannot be fully incorporated into the union game

down but to force him back

and to retrieve the ball.

The gear provides a kind of protection policy in the American game. And rugby league is so constructed that there is, by and large, only one line of defence. The space between one side and another is narrow.

unless other modifications

are also made.

In union there can be several lines of defence; beat one and there is another formed behind. At each stage, an attacking player can generate a greater momentum through a deep defence in a way that is not possible in league. Mike Rayer, Wales's full back, eluded several players in last week's match, for instance, gathering speed each time before colliding with the brick wall that was Willie Ofehengaue. These

were demolishing tackles. Tackling in rugby is both heroic and dramatic. But it is inherently dangerous. However, danger, to varying degrees, is part of any sport. What rugby must guard against is that it does not also become destructive. With the advent of sports scientists, analysts and dieticians, with thoughts of professional-ism and a player able to devote more time to fitness and power training, the day of the portly profile in the scrum has gone. To an extent rugby is fashioned therefore to well-primed, beefed-up athleticism of the American football kind. Can mere skin, muscle and bone withstand the pressure of the bone-crushing

Saracens ban Crawley for three weeks

BY EAVID HANDS

SARACENS announced yesterday that they had suspend-ed Barry Crawley, their No 8, for three weeks following the incident during the league game at Kingsholm last Satur-day when Marcus Hannathe Gloucester scrum suffered a fractured cheekbone after being

The punishment means Crawley will miss today's third-round Pilkington Cup tie against Bristol (his place goes to Gary Clark) and

FOOTBALL

Bristol City v Notts County... Derby v Tranmere Lecester v Bristol Rovers

Southend v Sunderland... West Ham v Birmingham Wolverhampion v Grimsby

Huti v Blackpool Leyton Onent v Mansteld Plymouth v Bournemouth .

Preston v West Bromwich.

Third division

Boiton v Burnley Bradford v Rotherham

Huddersfield v Port Vale

Cardit v Bury..... Cardisle v Northampton

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Famborough v Northwich . Kettering v Gateshead Kettering v Gateshead Sralybridge v Yeavil Welling v Macclesfield Witton v Kidderminster

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First division

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Bromsgrove v Marthyr...
Dag ham and Redbidge v Tellord...

Aberdeen v Hearts
Dundee Utd v Airdine
Falkirk v St Johnstone
Hibernan v Celtic
Motherwell v Dundee

Clydebenk v Meadowbank
Cowdenbeath v Ayr.....
Dumbarton v Hamilton....
Duntermine v St Marren

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First division

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consideration by London for the divisional championship next month.

Saracens, reiterating their regret at Hannaford's injury, said in a statement: "The fact that the action was clearly retaliatory and totally out of character was taken into account when reaching this deci-Gloucester, unless SiOTL" Hannaford should choose to take the matter further, appear

Tabard have grafted hard to cope with an anticipated

Berwick v Queen of South... Clyde v Queen's Park..... East Stiring v East Fife Montrose v Albion

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Fleetwood v Byth Spartans; Goole v Bishop
Auddand; Entely v Sparinymoor; Warnington v Stockor; Morecambe v Southon;
Horwich Ridl v Winslord, Moseley v Prickley
Affects, Guesborough v Shidon; Whitey v
South Benk; Accrington Stanley v Tow Law;
Billingham Synthonia v Conset. Northallarton Town v Newcaste Slue Star; Numeaton
Borough v Burton Albion, Grays Athletic v
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Town v Dorlang; Ringstonian v Canterbury,
Wiverhoe v Hendon, First division:
Carshation v Ateriow; Hayes v Aylesbury,
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Newbury v Worthern; Ware v Tibury;
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Widden v Hungerford, Third division:
Carshated v Royston; East Thurrook v
Heriford v Capton; Hornathurch v Bracknel;
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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmstord v Dorchester, Crawley v Creterharm; Dover v Trowbridge; Moor Green v Cambridge City, Whiernowille v Corby, Weymouth v Gloucester Midland division: Beleviath v Bart, Bacignorth v HC Warwick; Dudley v Forest Green; Gresley v Garafhem; Hindeley v Tamworth, Rushden and Deamonds v Eversham; Yale v Blaton. Southern division: Andover v Sudbury Town: Ashlerd Town v Buolingham; Brainte v Eury Town: Burnham v Hevent; Erith and Belwedere v Garwesend end Northest, Resport TOW v Baldock; Stringbourne v Pisher Athletic.

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HFS LDANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Chorley v Whitley Bay, Colwyn Bay v
Gersborough, Dioyloden v Hyde, Menne v
Barrow. First division: Atteston v Greine;
Congletion v Lancaster Cay; Cuzon Ashton
v Worksop, Farsley Cettic v Casmarlon;
Geet Hanvood v Brictingon Town;
Guiseley v Netherfield; Redditte Borough v
StrepShed Album; Workington v
Russendale.

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Bellymena, Portadown v Coleranie.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Abergeventy v Inter Carofff, Aberystwyth v Hareforderest (2:30); Briton Ferry v Cornibrant Cornwy v Itanedioes: Rink Town v Newhows. Laneda v Eiche Velle, Massing Perk v Alan Ledo, Mold v Caeraws; Porthmadog v Bargor (2:30).

WELSH INTERNAEDIATE CUP: Bridgend v Hoouer Sports; CPD Fefinhell v Llamest; Carrase Bay v Llandudhor; Lisridational v Mostay: Llangelni v Perntymoodi, Morde v Perycae: Prestergne St Andrews v Gresford Arthélic; Fauther v Llaneersfizad, Last XI v Cortifi Conntivens; Porthcawl v Port Taibot Carrati Conntivens; Porthcawl v Port Taibot Caroff Conntivens; Porthcawl v Port Taibot Caroff Conntivens; Porthcawl v Port Taibot Caroff Conntivens; Porthcawl v Port Taibot

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crowd of 2,000 when they emertain Northampton today in the third round of the Pilkington Cup.

Gary Pearce.

turn their little ground at Radlett into an arena ready to

Of course they have no chance but their players can regale their friends afterwards with tales of the day they outjumped Wayne Shelford or stood their ground against

Northampton, knowing that the outcome will not make it any less Tabard's day. have risen to the occasion too by lending a helping hand once the Henfordshire club decided they could host the

Athletic; Trelewe Welfer v Kenfig Hilk; Bleantonddia v Pontygoldd; Trehems Athletic v Brecon Corinthans; Tongwyniels v Llangelnor.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Alexandra Park v Old Salectura; Retgete Prov v Benk of England, Alleyn Old Boys v Royal Bank Southard, Mehon v Brensham; East Barnet OG v Old Lyonians.

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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Piete division: Cherton v Gallingham, Chelsea v Cambnidge United; Milwell v Southered; OPR v Wastord; West Harn v Portsmouth. Second division: Chystal Paleoe v Brighten; Luten v Swindors; Chdord United v Bresol Rovers; Southempton v Bresto City; Tottenham v Reading. League Cup: Second round replaye: Areunal v Tottenham; Strenford v Fuham; Leyton Onent v Butanemouth; Norwork v Wandeldon.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier divisions Old Tenteoniens v Chemisey.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier divisions. Ametrope Welfers v Ashfield; Denetry v Ashfield; Brigg v Sheffield; Denetry v Thackley, Eccleshill v Mostby MW; Harrogate Ris v North Ferriby; Osetz Town v Betper; Pontefract Col v Osett Abon; White to Reprine v General principal with the Reprine v General principal with the Reprine v Liversedge.

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Branthern Athetic; Herwich and Parteston v
Wielbech; Lowestol's V-Felinetowe; Merch
Town v Tiphrer, Newmarket v Stowmarket.

GREAT MELS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Mangotsiseld v Pymouth Argive; Minehead
v Lelseard Athletic; Paulion v Chippenhern;
Sebash v Bristol Manor Ferm; Twenton v
Froms; Torquey v Tornington; Westbury v
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Alterton Colleries; West McKands Police v
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LEAGUE: Chellenge Cup: Pirst round:
Ashton Town v Stantondale; Bamber Bridge

FCOTBALL

Premier League Cheisea v Leeds (4.0) ... Bardays League Finst división

Luton v Watford (3.0).

Peterborough v Swindon (2.55).

Permier dylsion: Bray Wandersen v Limerick (230), Deny Cay v Dundelk (330), Dony Cay v Dundelk (330), Droypheds United Bohernians (230); St Patinck's Athletic v Cork City (230): Waserford v Stop Rovers (230). Women's NATIONAL LEAGUE: League Cup, first round (20m unless staad): Arsenel v Hessootis; (12.30) Sheffield Wed v Bronte Premier division: Ipswich v Knowseley, Startion v Wirnbladon, RS Southempton v Meacistone. First division: south: District Limer Argite v Leasowe Pacific, St Helens v Abboydate, Wohertampton v Millen Keynes. First division south: District Lime v Hemel Hempstead, Horstram v Bristol Backwell, Oxford v Town & Courty, Epocim and Ewell v Selddern.

RUGBY UNION

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Herlequins v Stackheath (2.0).

same and chose not to switch to Franklins Gardens. "Northampton have given us every support." David Bur-

rows, Tabard's president, said.

They even printed our tickets.

kicking off at two o'clock." If you seek surprises from today's draw, it is worth looking north: to Morley where Tynedale must have an excellent chance of upsetting the second-division strugglers, or to Newcastle where Gloucester will travel with some trepidation, given their mixed form this season.

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ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division:
Old Bradfeldiens v Old Welingbursers;
Lancing Old Boys v Old Carthusters; First
division: Old Alderhamisms v Old
Ardniens; Old Foresters v Old Hamowarts;
Old Hambyburtans v Old Witelans.

RUGBY UNION

(at Twickenham, 2.15).

Inter-district Championship

Glasgow v South of Scotland (at Hughenden, 2.0) North and Miclands v Edinburgh

London Scottish v Leicester (2.15) ...

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Fourth round: London and South East: Hellingly v Seatord; Tring v Old Caterhamiens.

RUGBY LEAGUE

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Bradford (3.30); Hull v Saflord (3.15); at Helens v Leight Warmigson v London Crusaders (3.30); Flochdele v London Crusaders (3.30); Flochdele v Bramiey; Swinton v Olchem Third division Chorley v Workington (3.15); Doncaster v Blackpoot; Highfield v Hunslot, Notinghem City v Deustury; Rycchie York v Keightey (3.15); Winterbasen v Escono (3.70).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment-First division: Thames Valley Tigen -Sundariant Sentas Bermighern Bullets or London Towers. Third division: Liverpool Azac V Cambertey Engles, Women: Plast division: London Jele v Milton Keynes O. Cale; Morthempton v London YMCA; Thamas Valley v Ipsmich, Second division:

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Representative match

Cornwall v NZ Armed Forces (at Redruth, 2.30)

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UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Scottash North and Michaelle v Edinburgh (at Immerical), Disagon v South of Scotland in UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP. Editiourgh v North and Midlends (at Heddington): Gleegow v South (at Ayr). Inter-provincial chempionship Connecht v Leinster (al Galway) ... Munster v Ulster (al Limerick)

Pilkington Cup Third round Clifton v Exeter Gioucester (3.0).

Pichmond v Wakefield (2.0). Rosslyn Park v Wasps....... Rugby v Bedford (3.0) Heineken Welsh League First division

Saltord v Darwen; Scalmerschalle v Magnut; Westhoughton v K Chref.

AFA SENIOR CLIP: Pist round: Wast Wicktern v Sym Old Boys: Carshallon v Old Finchleans; Mill Hu Villege v Old Titfinien; Old Chigwelliene v Old Bentwoods; Old Esthemaens v Old Grooers; Eriseld v Chie Service. Old Westminster Cts v Old Meadoniens; Old Bealoniens v Old Owents; Old Lalymerisme v South Benk Poly; Middend Benk v Southgate Poly; Wandisworth Berough v Broomfald; Lloyde Benk v Cardiner Misning Old Boys; Old Eleabethars v Old Wolfangers; Bardeys Benk v Old Stationers; Hale End Athletic v Old Actoniens Association; Wales Green v Old Wisconens; John Fisther Old Boys v Kew Association; Old Menoriens v Southgate County; Notisborough v Old Denes; Leyton; County Old Boys v Old Aloyslams; Old Permotente v Old Buscortens; Old Menoriens v Southgate County; Old Boys v Old Aloyslams; Old Permotens v Old Buscortens; Old Cholmeleins; Old Hamptonians v Old Greenmers v Old Ignetime; Chul Permotens v Parkfield: Old Tollingconiens v Old Budwisser Lemiotry; Old Permoter Hill, NasWeet Benk v Old Kingstunium; Old Mitschendernam v Notsernat.

ARTHURAN LERGUE: Premier division: Swansee v Aberavon .. Second division

Club matches

Boroughmuir v Middlesbrough (2.0) . Cambridge University v Loughborough Students (3.0) ... Constorphine v Krikzaldy (2.0) Edinburgh Wanderess v Pertrishire (2.0) Gala v West of Scotland (2.0)... THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH

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VOLLEYBALL HOYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Whol-work Briston v Sale (1 30); Dynamo London v RLEA Leads (1.30), Wesser v London Lynx (1.30).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINERGN MATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division; Brackrell v Norwich and Peterborough (5.15); Cardil v Blimpham (6.30); Durham v File (6.30); Humbersde v Nothingham (6.30); Misrayleid v Whiteley (6.30). First division: Lee Valley v Sandon (7.0); Rombod v Medway (5.15); Taiford v Basingstola (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

GYCLING: Cyclo-Cross memabonal meeting (Southempton). SNOOKER: UK Championships (Presion).

TENNIS: Winter indoor county

Umpires: T Prue and S Randelf

Herrogate v Stockton (2.15) Herrots FP v Preston Lodge (2.0) Jed-Forest v Stewarts Mel FP (2.0) Liverpool St Helens v Halitax Nunsator v Bradford

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Southgese (Morns Ground, 2:30), Centebury v Welton (Poto Farm, 12:0); East
Grinstead v St Albaris (Salint Hul, 2:15).
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School, 1:20); Sterpent v Freibrands
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Preston, Wigan v Stockon

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division: Bristol v Clevedon; Easter Limver
sty v Westbury Barris; Glabucsser Chy v CS
Besh Buccaneers; Plymouth v Mariborough;
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OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title: Chris Eubank (Brighton, the holder) v Juan Carlos Jimenez (Paraguay) (at G-Mex Centre, Manchester). SNOOKER: UK Championehips (Preston). SWIMMENG: British grand prix meeting (Gloucester)

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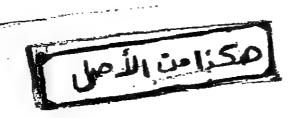
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SODRES: Politimere 167 (44 1 overs):
West Australian Installon XI 166 for 6 (45 overs) Palatians won by one run British sports left to plough on without a guiding light after administrators' conference declines to point way

Commission fails to provide answers

David Pickup, respectively chairman-elect of the proposed UK Sports Commission and director of the English Sports Council, spoke unrevealingly on the commission yesterday, departing the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) in Bournemouth with the governing bodies of British sport none

the wiser. The truth, it became apparent, is that Yarranton, chairman of the English Sports Council — to be realigned on a par with the sports councils of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland - does not know the range or, more probably, the limit of the commission.

The independence of the four national sports councils within the commission remains blurred, while Yarranton's speech was contrauntrue that the UK's sporting structures prevented



DAVID MILLER Commentary

other, "I'm inclined to believe these achievements took place in spite of our patchwork

British sports administration, almost voiceless internationally, continues like a ship in the dark under the command of several pilots, diverse owners, conflicting sailing instructions, confused sponsorship and uncertain destination — or worse.

It is unclear what will be the constitutional position of the British Olympic Association or of the CCPR, or of the Sports Forum, another talkshop. It is unclear what will be the commission's authority regarding the proposed National Lottery, a question fun-

Robert Atkins, another short-stay sports minister, drew up a blueprint, then left, depositing it in an administrative vacuum. Robert Key and Peter Brooke, the present govemment encumbents, are not so much ministers without portfolio as ministers without sporting credential.

How, with the best of wills, can Yarranton, from rugby union, a sport whose international board is in more of a mess than British Rail, he expected to co-ordinate the

Alongside a relatively small sporting nation such as, say, Belgium, which has a single unified Olympic and national inter-federal sports administration, British sport is a farce. The UK Commission, if it is

to mean anything, should be under the chairmanship of a minister for sport, with a single government funding



source (the lottery). The distribution would be mandatorily determined by an elected executive board representing the BOA (cline sport), the CCPR (governing bodies) and the four national sports councils (mass sport); the latter being funded on a per capita basis, thereby avoiding the lobbying of the Treasury by separate ministers of state. Funding should be controlled

by the commission. Yarranton stressed, with his bar-room geniality, that the commission should not be a battlefield, Pickup that the objective was for a one-stopshop for grant-aid applications. Yet there will never be clarity until a minister for sport calls for an all-party congress to determine a constitution, which should not be decided by civil servants and accountants with only marginal sporting input.

sometimes wonder how Britain ever organised a navy,

Yarranton convinced that problem will be solved

By JOHN GOODBODY

lieved the commission would

be "an agency capable of co-

ordinating relevant affairs on UK basis, and would

provide a stimulus for UK

own sphere of direct

levelopments in areas beyond

SIR Peter Yarranton said yesterday that unscrambling the arms-to-Iraq affair would be easier than identifying "the authoritative voice of British sport", although he was convinced that the setting up of the commission would "bring enormous benefits" to British sport by solving some of its

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Many delegates at the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents national governing bodies, did-not share his conviction that the setting up of the commission - and an English Sports Council - is any answer to the lack of direction of British

Council has both British and English responsibilities. There

sports minister, had earlier Scotland and Northern Iresaid that he was sorry that his land, all of which are funded by taxpayers, and they will first reaction when the restruccontinue to have responsibilturing was announced - that ities in their individual countries, although their chairmen sport" - was turning out to be will be members of the one of the most prophetic

With public money still like-Although he is the senior CCPR vice president, he said ly to be wasted under the new tructure, Len Unwin, of the he disagreed with the organ-British Cycling Federation, questioned whether the comisation's executive that there mission would not "land Britshould be an "all-powerful UK body financing everything, inish sport in a bigger muddle" Sir Peter said that he be-

He said: "This is a recipe for saster. Leaving one minister to fight the case for sport makes no sense."

At the moment, the minisers for Scotland, Wales and Vorthern Ireland receive sepa rate funding for sport for

GOLF

Early birdie start lifts Grady into four-stroke lead

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

WAYNE Grady left the rest of Australian Masters and PGA the field in the distance with a remarkable 66 in the second round of the Australian Open at The Lakes Country Club

Grady, who won the US PGA Championship in 1990, finished with a halfway aggregate of 133, 11 under par, and leads by four shots from his Australian compatriot, Steve Elkington (68), and by five from Raymond Floyd (68), of the United States. Vijay Singh, of Fiji, had six birdies in a 69 to be on 139 with Peter Teravainen (73), of the United States, and the Australian, Peter McWhinney (72).
Despite a round of 72 for

Colin Montgomerie leads the British challenge. but Steven Richardson, who took 77 for 152, missed the cut, as did the Australians. Rodger Davis, Jan Baker-Finch, Craig Parry and Peter

titles this year, lost his chance of completing the triple crown when he took four putts from two feet for a six at the 18th. He scored 77 for 149, one shot too many. Grady was out early when the wind was a zephyr com-

pared with later in the day, by which time it had moved 180 degrees from the southwest to the northeast. The Lakes was redesigned in the 1960s after a highway was built through the middle of the old layout, and, as the name suggests, the course is protected by an abundance of water with most of it to be found on the inward

In theory the outward half is easier, but Grady was pleasantly surprised to start his round with three birdies for the second day in succession. He said: "I told a friend on Thursday that it was the first Senior. Parry, winner of the time in 14 years as a profes-

Lyle lies joint third

Ibusuki, Japan: Sandy Lyle, of Britain, maintained his challenge in the Casio World Open here yesterday with a oneunder-par 71 to share third place with Mark Brooks, of the United States. Lyle, on 141 after two

rounds, trails Tommy Nakajima, of Japan, by two strokes. Nakajima shot a five-underpar 67, which included seven birdies, to overtake his compatriot, Yoshinori Mizumaki. "I've finally managed to get

myself into a good position to win," Nakajima said. If he takes the first prize of \$220,000 (about £145,000), it

puts him in line for an invitation to the US Masters

Isao Ozaki, the defending champion, recorded a 71 for a disappointing six-over-par 150 and lies in 45th place while John Daly, the 1991 US PGA champion, is 27th on

Barry Lane, of Britain, is seven shots off the lead after a

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (Japan unless clated): 139; T Nelkajina, 72, 67, 140; Y Masumeki, 70, 70, 141; M Brooks (US), 74, 67; A Lyte (CS), 70, 71, 142; I Aoki, 76, 65; G March (Aus), 75, 67; H Meshal, 72, 70; Y Keneko, 71, 71,

sional that I had birdled the first three holes, and I said it wouldn't happen again." He completed the feat with

a superbly judged shot. Floyd, whom he partnered, was short with a five-iron from ten yards further back, but Grady reached for a six-iron with 195 yards to go from the rough on the right. He drilled the ball to within one foot of the cup, and had three more birdles later in his round, with which he restored his confidence.

Elkington won The Players Championship on the US PGA Tour in March. He set out as the wind came up but he did not drop a shot in a 68 which included an eagle three

Floyd believes Grady will be

hard to beat. He said: "I've played the last 36 holes with a guy who is playing awfully well, and putting beautifully. I will need to move up a notch or two." Floyd, however, is capable of doing so and he demonstrated his determination by gathering seven birdies, including a two at the 18th where he hit a six-iron to

20 feet. LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES IEADING SECOND-ROLIND SCORES Australas unless stated; 135: W Grady, 67, 28. 137: S Etiongton, 69, 68, 136: R Ployd (LS), 70, 68, 136: P McMithiney, 67, 72; V Snigh (Fig.), 70, 68; P Teraveniero (LS), 68, 72: P Molorney, 72, 68; L Serzesn (LS), 69, 72: P Molorney, 72, 68; L Serzesn (LS), 67, 74; M Alen, 72, 69, 148: C Menn, 72, 70; P C Manen, 73, 87; P Molorney, 74, 89; F Nobio (NZ), 70, 72: C Warren, 71, 71, 142: M Gaies (GE), 72, 71; E Snoad (LS), 74, 68; R Farley 69, 74; M Ferguson, 72, 71; R Allenby, 70, 73: D Walcort (LS), 73, 70, 144: K Vateritins, 74, 70; M Cayton, 74, 70; A Gilligen, 73, 71; Esting, 65, 70.

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Other scores included: 148; D Silva (Por), 73, 72, R Boxel (GB), 75, 68. 148; C Van der Veicle (Holl), 74, 72, 174 not ev Veicle (Fr), 78, 71; J Spence (GB), 73, 71, 147; A Maggee (US), 73, 74; W Riley, 67, 80. 148; M Calcavecchia (US), 74, 74, 146; G Evers (GB), 75, 74; I Belear-Finch, 77, 72; R Devis, 76, 73; C Pany, 72, 77, 150; P Smior, 76, 74, 181; G Tumer (NZ), 77, 74, 153; O Selborg (Swe), 78, 77, 152; S Restraction, 75, 77, 154; M A Jiménez (Sc), 79, 78, 183; M Mackestale (GB), 77, 78.

RACING: HENDERSON'S STAR CHASER DAMAGES TENDON AFTER HUNTINGDON VICTORY



Determined challenge: Nikitas, right, battles back to master Saffaah on the run-in at Newbury yesterday

Remittance Man out for rest of season

BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

REMITTANCE Man, the great white hope of British National Hunt racing, is out for the season with a leg

The loss of any potential champion for a year is a blow but, given the void in the chasing ranks of real stars following the retirement of Desert Orchid, the sidelining of Nicky Henderson's brilliant eight-year-old is a tangible setback to the sport.

A downcast Henderson said at Newbury yesterday: "It's a bitter, bitter blow. It is a blow when it happens to an ordinary horse, but we all need him. I need him, Richard Dunwoody needs him and I

believe racing needs him."

The "mild injury" to Remittance Man's off-fore tendon was almost certainly incurred while winning the Peter-borough Chase at Huntingdon on Tuesday, and may explain why he was less than

impressive when accounting for three rivals.

Henderson added: "This injury, although significant, is not serious in the long term and he is sound and well in "Sadly, this will rule out the

King George and although we will obviously be monitoring the extent of the injury, it is probable he will miss the rest of the campaign. This is to ensure he is fully

recovered to begin next season where he has left off." The winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase in March, Remittance Man has

until now been one of the soundest horses in training, but the tell-tale signs of the leg injury were evident the morning after the Huntingdon race and a subsequent scan confirmed Henderson's worst

The win of Parsons Green in the Jacky Upton Handicap Chase not only offered Henderson minor consolation but The eight-year-old chaser, ridden by Richard Dun-woody, has been off the course for a year following an injury similar to that suffered by Remittance Man.

Parsons Green was fired after his leg injury and stuck on gamely to beat For The "This horse has proved you

can get back within 12 months. Remittance Man's injury is no better and no worse than what he had," Handerson suid. The firing of horses injured

legs, frowned upon by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, is still strongly favoured by most trainers, including Henderson. "Parsons Green is another proven example. If you want

to mend legs, its the best way of doing it," he said. "I am a great firing believer. I am not saying that is what needs to be done with Remit-

tance Man. I suspect it won't be needed." Corals, who had installed

Remittance Man as a miserlypriced 5-4 favourite for the King George VI Chase, re-arranged their ante-post prices and installed The Fellow as an equally skinny 5-4 favourite. Their other prices for the Kempton feature are 5-2.

Bradbury Star, 6-1 Docklands Express, 7-1 Pats Jester, 12-1 Deep Sensation As drizzle slamted across

Newbury racecourse yesterday afternoon, the chances of The Fellow carrying 11st 13lb to victory in today's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup lessened by the minute. If he avoids mistakes, Jodami looks to have an excellent chance.

Richard Dunwoody reported that the ground was soft in the back straight and good to soft in the straight after partnering the David Nichol-son-trained Travelling Wrong to the most facile of victories in the Oxfordshire Novices

Bought for Brigadier Roscoe Harvey with the intention tary Cup, the six-year-old hardly touched a twig as he made all the running. Victory at Sandown would

delight one of the stalwarts of National Hunt racing, but there are surely even bigger prizes in line for this Irish import.

In a last-race drama, Mark Perrett fell off Mad Thyme only 20 yards from the winning line. Mad Thyme, trained by Nick Gaselee, was involved in a desperately close finish with Yorkshire Gale and would have probably prevailed but for the unexpect-

A stewards' enquiry into the incident revealed that Perretr's mount had been hanging badly to the left and the lockey had all his weight on the right stirrup when the saddle suddenly slipped and flung him to

"It's not often I get a chance of a winning ride and then I fall off the damn thing." a shaken but uninjured jockey

HOCKEY

Duthie shores up Southgate

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN Stourport could be severely

tested by Firebrands, whose advance to the middle of the

table has been inspired by

Hill now with nine goals to

his credit, mainly from short corners. With Roberts control-

ling the midfield, Stourport do

Hounslow, again without Hazlitt, who is recovering

from a hand injury, are other-

wise at full strength for their

home game against Trojans

and East Grinstead, also at

home, are well equipped to

not lack inspiration, either.

JAMES Duthie, whose broken finger kept him out of action for a month, returns today for Southgate, who continue their quest for the Pizza Express National League championship in joint-second place with Hounslow, a point behind Stourport. Duthie, in whose absence

Southgate lost to Hounslow and were eliminated from the cup by East Grinstead on penalty strokes, will stabilise the defence when they visit the

England lose sponsor

THREE of England's interna-tional squads will be in action game and a money-spinner this weekend, the under-21s engaged in a Centre of Excellence programme, the indoor squad holding a selection meeting for the European Cup in January and the senior outdoor squad beginning its preparations for the 1994 World Cup (Alix Ramsay

At the same time, the All England Women's Hockey Association is coming to terms to life without sponsorship as Typhoo has announced they are pulling out of the annual international, traditionally the

game and a money-spinner for the association.

The Typhoo Tea Cup in October against the Olympic champions, Spain, failed to make a profit after switching venues from Wembley to Birmingham, despite the attraction to potential sponsors of live television coverage. Now, with no backers for the match and the debate of possible television dates, the timing and venue of the next

focure is uncertain. Jenny Cardwell, the England manager, said: "TV is overcome St Albans. By the end of the day, therefore, the position at the top of the first division table might be While Reading seem un-

likely to be disturbed at the top of the second division by Brooklands, an interesting tussle for second place is in prospect between Indian Gynokhana and Barford Tigers at Feltham. Both have 19 points, three less than Reading, and although Gymkhana have stronger resources in attack, Tigers are by no means overawed.

There should be another battle royal when the teams play each other in the fourth round of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup tomorrow.

Slough played badly last week when they lost 3-2 in the league to Bournville, but they are sharpening their weapons for tomorrow's home cup game against Havant Both clubs claim to be at full strength,

Several results are predictable, however,

Stourport East Grinstead Hounslow and Teddington seem likely to go through to the fifth round, to be played on December 13 when the outdoor season will close for the

User Friendly bid stalls

USER Friendly faces a stiff task in the Japan Cup at Fuchu, Tokyo, tomorrow from the unfavoured No I stall. Only one horse has won from a single figure draw in 11 previous runnings, and, for a filly whose best efforts have been on soft going, her problems will be compounded by the fast ground.

Dr Devious, the other British challenger, would also prefer softer ground and this race comes just four weeks after his Breeders' Cup defeat.

Fellow Europeans Dear Doctor and Vert Amande have something to prove. Ar-lington Million winner Dear Doctor has yet to show he truly stays a mile and a half, while Vert Amande's overall form. with the exception of a fine third to Subotice in the Arc. does not look up to the standard required here.

A better bet is the Australian challenger Naturalism. He would probably be on a sixtimer had he not been brought down in the W S Cox Plate.

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4/1 SARTLY LAD 52 (0.6) P. Curden 10-16-5 (Harvey 7)
6 005 DELACOM 10 J Supple 5-10-2 M Bondey
7 006 DELACOM 10 J Supple 5-10-2 M Bondey
10 0-00 PICKETSTINE 20 J Machiner 7-10-0 R Messay (7)
108-4 JURESTER 38 C Nests 5-10-0 J Rainer
PP TIME SULT 33 J Michaelon 7-10-0 B Powell 9-4 Report Lint, 3-1 Suffery Lad, 6-1 Pictotations, 7-1 high Dilay, 10-1 Bodisley Mill Boy, Floridally Faut, 12-7 Building Around, 14-1 Romany Spill, 16-1 Johnson, 20-1 Obstoom, 25-1 Thrus Slot,

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPOS: M Turnghins, 4 mismans from 12 namers, 33.3%; M Pign. 25 Inom 113, 31.0%; W G M Turner, 4 Inom 14, 20.0%; J Gelford, 7 from 31, 21.2%; Mas J Pinnian, 16 Inom 77, 20.0%; D Michaleon, 12 Inom 73, 16.6%.

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BIG RACE LINE-UP

1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP

(Handicap chase: grade III: £36,160: 3m 2f 110yd) (13 runners)

Chatam to lift second Hennessy

CHATAM, making his seasonal debut, can capture the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup for the second year running at Newbury today.
If he does succeed in the

care of Peter Scudamore, Chatam will not only have become the first horse since Arkle to have won it twice in succession, he will also have landed a considerable ante-: post gamble.

The lack of a previous race did not prevent Chatam from triumphing last year. He strode home four lengths ahead of the subsequent Grand National winner, Party Politics, with the reliable . Docklands Express a further seven lengths adrift in third

Nor should the lack of an outing be to his detriment this time, especially since he has been to Cheltenham for a gallop in public. Following that exercise.

Martin Pipe pronounced

Chatam spot-on for the big

occasion. With Francois Doumen's The Fellow, standing his ground, the weights have not ground, and risen overnight.

With 11st 4lb to carry, Chatam does not look overburdened now that the condi-

MANDARIN

12.45 Mighty Mogul.

3.35 Texan Tycoon.

2.25 King Of The Lot. 3.00 UNSHAKEABLE (nap).

Going: Soft (Good to Soft in Home Straight)

(Grade II: £9,620: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

. 15 AKZO LONG DISTANCE HURDLE

SETTING: 11-4 Morrandic Way, 3-1 Bargoyne, 5-1 Archuscate, 11-2 Tyrone Bridge, 8-1 Bank

1991: CAB ON TARGET 5-11-4 P Nivon (5-4 Inc) May 8 Shortby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

Grade II: £9,500: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

3.10 Shoon Wind. 3.45 Avro Anson.

GOING: GOOD

12.45 BONUSPRINT GERRY FEELDEN HURDLE

TREE COMPANIA STATE WASHINGTON (S-4 to) It forms 6 on

FORM FOCUS

1.15 Burgoyne.

3.00 Dublin Flyer.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

tions underfoot are bound to be testing. Only horses of the calibre of Arkie, Mill House and Burrough Hill Lad have won the Hennessy with the sort of weight that The Fellow is

burdened with Admirable that this French challenger is, he does not strike me as being in their

In fact, it is perfectly possible to come up with a line through Docklands Express that sug-gests The Fellow should not be ble to give Chatam 9lb. The promise of soft ground has persuaded Gordon Rich-

ards to send Twin Oaks on the long journey to the Berkshire track from his base in Cum-At the age of 12 though,

Twin Oaks may not be fast enough to dictate in this company, the way he does so brilliantly at Haydock where he has gained his last seven

History will be made if Party Politics succeeds since no borse has won the National

THUNDERER

1.50 Jodami.

2.25 Howe Street 3.00 Propero.

meeting Chatam on 4lb better terms, the feeling in his Upper Lambourn camp is that they could have done without the

A slog through mud puts an additional strain on his breathing, which has long been suspect following two operations. However, Party Politics is thought to be at the height of his form, having blossomed physically since last

With Nigel Twiston-Davies's stable on a crest, last season's Scottish National winner, Captain Dibble, seems certain to give a good account of himself even with a 4Ib penalty.

Jodami, another of last season's leading novices, ran well enough in his first race at Haydock, where he was beaten three lengths by Run For Free, to suggest that he too can go well with only 10st 2lb to Significantly though.

has a good line on Jodami through Run For Free. Races of this competitive nature are seldom won by horses who have to carry

Chatam's trainer Martin Pipe

and Hennessy. While the Nick
Gaselee-trained giant — he
stands 18 hands — will be
appreciably more than their
weight in the long handicap.
For that reason I do not fancy Bishops Hall, Gambling Royal, Latent Talent nor

Sibton Abbey. No matter how Party Politics fares in the big race, Gaselee can still win the Fulke Walvyn Chase with Unskake-

Having learned his trade with the late and great trainer after whom the race is named. a victory on this occasion would taste particularly sweet.



Pipe: reports Chatam to be spot-on for Newbury

Unshakeable, whose dam, Another Breeze, was such a useful chaser in her heyday. Unshakeable had a similar rating to the Nicholson hope. Bishops Island, over hurdles. By all accounts, the way that Unshakeable has jumped fences in practice has been a

revelation, and he is my nap to

succeed on ground that he

relishes. Twelve months ago, Burgoyne was beaten only half-alength by Cab On Target at the end of a thrilling duel in the Akzo Long Distance Hurdle.

Now he can go one better, having trounced Nomadic Way by five lengths at Wetherby five weeks ago. Even the talented Staunch Friend may fail to give weight to the progressive Mighty

Mogul in the BornsPrint Ger-

ry Feilden Hurdle. A measure of the faith that Graham McCourt has in Confton can be gleaned by knowing that he turned down the ride on Party Politics at Newbury in order to partner the Mick Easterby-trained five-year-old in the Beliway Homes Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle. The hint should

Newbury

Roding: solt (good to wolt in streight)

12.55 (2m 110yd holes) 1, MAJOR BUGLER

RP Dunecody, 2-1 favi, 2, Busmen (M
hichards, 17-23, Camboo Gold K Yony, 51), ALSO FAN: 11-2 Merfine Wish (eth., 6Alber fur), 12 Collaborate (eth.), 13 Stayin
Alber (eth.), 20 Holy Wanderse (un), 33 Stayin
(f), 9 mm. NR: Super Sarane, 15, 11 S-1, 20,
15. G Belding at Dorchesser, Toles, 2-280,
15. G Belding at Dorchesser, Tole

1.25 (2m ch) 1, TRAVELLING WRONG (R Durwoody, 4-11 inc; Mandeshris nep), 2, Oble's Train, (J Frost. 14-1); 3, Catcha-panny (R Supple, 40-1) ALSO RAN. 3 Vicompt De Vérimont (4th), 4 gm. 15, 8, 8. D Nicholson st Temple Guing, Tote, £1.40, DF: £2.50, CSF: £4.82

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Pincepot: 2191.40.

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Jackpot: £8,120.50 (poet of £9.327.6) carried forward to Newbury today).

DF: E2.50. (SF: Y8.82.
2.00 (2m 110yd holle) 1, NMOTAS (S McNeil, 7-2 tay); 2, Sethanh (all Richards, 9-3); 3, Metal Cineau (A Charlon, 6-1), ALSO PAN: 92 Sydmoraton (Enh., Kayask (Shh, 11-2 Charrity Bartis (4th), 14 Charlpagna Gold, 20 Márns in Spring 8 ran. 21.2, 9, 5, 15. Miles A Whitfield in Lambourn Toer. 23.70; £1.50, £1.80, £1.80, DF: £11.50. CSF: £18.80, Tricast: £53.13. CHATAM Dec 28, Newbury, good; (11-10) beat Master Bob (10-6) 61 (3m 2f 110yd, h'cap ch, £7,984, 3 ran). Nov 23, Newbury, good; (10-6) beat PARTY POLITICS (10-5) beat PARTY POLITICS (10-5) 41, with PIOWLANDSONS JEWELS (10-1) pulled up before two out (3m 2f 110yd, h'cap ch, £37,462, 15 ran). Apr 4, Aintree, good; (11-10) 10l 2nd to Guiburn's Nephew (10-4) (2m 4f, h'cap ch, £8,454, 11 ran). 2.50 (2m 41 ch) 1, PARSONS GREEN (R Dunwood), 11-8 list); 2, For The Grain IJ Octome, 10-3); 3, Ghodiar H Davies, 14-1) ALSO RAKe 8-4 Good Tome (4th), 4 an. NP. Elisst. 81, 31, 151. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tota: 12-30. UF: 62.90. CSF-55.82.

25.82
3.00 (2m Si Indie) 1, SUPER MALT (M Houtgan, 18-1); 2, Bothroor (J J Brown, 10-1); 3, Swilly Express (R Farrant, 11-2; ALSO FAN: 11-8 law Rainwadan House (M), 5 Establishe Ethi), 8 Saurat Froat, 10 Howeysdoon (Sin), 25 See Troux 8 ren. NF Farright, 1et, 11, 3 Set, 19, 105 Miss K Alison at Lippir Lambourn, Toke 585.00; 24.00, 21.90, 51.40, DF: 5117-10. CSF: 5139.91. Troust: 2501.00.
1.30 (2m Si Indiw) 1, VORIGINATE GALE (D Murphy, 11-10 law); 2, Cerrisk Lames (R Durmscody, 19-1); 3, Rain's Boy (N Marm, 4-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 Dragons Den (4th), 14 Mad Thyrns (ut), 20 Keno Wenter (bri), 3 Rut. Again, 50 Gabrielle Me (5th) 8 ran. WF: Placed Lad, Piper's Son, 17, VI, 194, 15, dist, J Gifford at Fincton, Toke, 92.30; 51.20, 51.40, 51.40, DF: 88.60, CSF: 512.86, After a second are called free and a second are called free acceptance. PARTY POLITICS Apr 4, Aintree, good to soft; (10-7) best Romany King (10-3) 2½, with TWIN OAKS (11-7) 25i 5th and ROWLANDSONS JEWELS (10-3) unseated rider 15th (4m 4f, h'cap ch, 299,943, 40 ran.

THE FELLOW

TWIN OAKS

THE FELLOW
Oct 24, Auftruit, heavy; (11-3) beat Ultra Rochelais (9-13) 1% (2m 6f, ch. £30,832, 6 ran).
Oct 6, Auteuit, soft; (9-7) beat Amorgos (9-11) 2% (2m 3f 110yd, hd), £25,800, 10 ran).
Jun 21, Auteuit, heavy; (10-1) 30l 8th to El Triumlo (10-1) (2m 5f, ch, £102,775, 8 ran).
Mar 12, Chettentham, good; (12-0) short-head 2nd to Cool Ground (12-0) (3m 2f, grade I ch, £98,028, 8 ran).

Nov 19, Haydock, good to soft; (11-10) beat Paco's Boy (10-0) 7! (3m 4! 110yd, h'cap ch, 94,533, 5 ran)

Apr 4, Aintree, good to soft; see PARTY POLITICS

Feb 29, Haydock, good to solt; (11-10) Bisl 3rd to Cool Ground (11-3), with PARTY POLITICS (10-9) 134 5th (3m 4), h'cap ch, £24,085, 11

Feb 29, Haydock, good to soft; see TWIN OAKS. Jan 4, Sandown, good; see ROWLANDSONS JEWELS. Nov 23, Newbury, good; see CHATAM. SPARKLING FLAME

Nov 5, Wincenton, good; see CAP-TAIN DIBBLE.

Apr 2, Amtree, good to soft: (11-5) 8th (3m 11, h'cap ch, £26,805, 17 101 3rd to Kings Fountain (11-9) (3rn 11, grade II ch, £23,065, 8 ran).

Mar 21, Newbury, good to firm; (11-10) 944 4th to Arctic Call (12-0) (3rn, h'cap ch, £5 118, 6 ran). h'cap ch. £5,118, 6 ran).

313 5U-4121 SIBTON ABBEY 13 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-10-0.

A Maguira 83 (b g Strong Gale - Bally Decent) (Emerald green, white sleeves, emerald green & white check cap)

Long handscap: Bishops Hall 9-8, Gambling Royal 9-7, Rowlandsons Jewels 9-5, Latent Talent 9-5, Mr Boston 9-0, Sibton Abbey 8-7.

BETTING: 7-2 Chatam, 4-1 Jodami, Captain Dibble, 7-1 Gambling Royal, The Fellow, 10-1 Twin Oaks, 14-1 Latent Talent, Party Politics, 20-1 Bishops Hall, 50-1 Sparkling Flame, 66-1 Mr Boston, Sibton Abbey, 100-1 Rowlandsons Jewels.

1991: CHATAM 7-10-6 P Scudamore (10-1) M Pipe 15 ran

Form guide to the 13 contenders

CAPTAIN DIBBLE Nov 5, Wincanion, good (11-8) best Boraceva (10-8) 1)-1 with SPARK-LING FLAME (12-00) pulled up before four out (3m 1/1 110yd, h'cap ch, £10,260, 7 ran)

Oct 21. Ascot, good; see LATENT TALENT. Apr 20, Farryhouse, yielding: (11-11) pulled up behind Vanton (10-11) (3m 5f, h'cap ch, £55,200, 23 ran).

JODAM Nov 18, Haydock, soft; (11-5) 3i 2nd to Run For Free (11-0) (3m, h'cap ch, £9,968, 4 ran).

Apr 29, Punchestown, soli; (12-0) 4½/3/d to Second Schedual (11-0) (3m 1l, nov h'cap ch, £27,250, 14 Apr 3, Aintree, good; (11-6) %i 2nd to Bradbury Slar (11-9) (3m 1f, grade II nov ch, £21,948, 7 ran).

BISHOPS HALL Oct 25, Leopardslown, good to soft; (10-1) beat Have A Barney (11-01) 9I (3m, h'cap ch, £3,450, 5 ran). Oct 18, Umerick, good; (9-13) 174 5th to Propunt (9-07) (3m, h'cap ch, 24,140, 9 ran)

Aug 27, Tralee, soft; (11-1) 261/sl 6th to For William (10-5) (2m 4f, h'cap ch, 88,280, 11 ran). Apr 2, Antree, soft; (10-4) 24l 9th to The Antariex (10-2), with LATENT TALENT (11-0) unseated rider ston (2m 6f, h'cap ch, £17,725, 26 ran). **GAMBLING ROYAL**

Nov 18, Kempton, soft, (11-10) beat Solidaserock (10-7) 8l (3ra, h'cap ch, £7,293, 4 ran). Apr 3, Aintree, good; (11-7) fell 15th behind River Bounty (10-0) with SIBTON ABBEY (10-0) unseated

rider 15th (3m 1f, h'cap ch, £8,401, 14 ran). Apr 3. Aintree, good, see GAM-BLING ROYAL Mar 12, Cheffenham, good; (10-8) 6i 3rd to Tipping Tim (10-0) with ROW-LANDSONS JEWELS (10-11) 15i

Apr 25, Sandown, good to tirm; (10-0) 12½ 4th to Topsham Bay (10-1) (3m 5f, grade III h'cap ch, £57,400, 11 ran).

Apr 4, Aintree, good to soft; see Mar 12, Cheltenham, good; see GAMBLING ROYAL Jan 4, Sandown, good; (10-4) 11 % 3rd to Arcac Call (11-6), with PARTY POLITICS (10-12) 71 6th (3m 5t, h'cap ch. £13,875, 6 ran).

Nov 23, Newbury, good, see CHATAM. LATENT TALENT Oct 21, Ascot, good; (10-13) best CAPTAIN DIBBLE (11-10) 1% (3m

110/rd, h'cap ch, £3,538, 9 ran). Apr 15, Cheltenham, good to soft; (11-0) unseated rider 18th behind Topsham Bay (11-5) (3m 2f, h'cap ch, £8,545, 6 ran). Apr 2, Aintree, soft; see BISHOPS HALL

MR BOSTON Nov 21, Ascot, good to soft; (11-0) 13i 3rd to Wellknown Character (10-0) (3m 110yd, h'cap ch, £9,870, 5

Nov 17, Wetherby, good to soft, (12-0) 31½ 6th to Lumberjack (11-4) (2m 5i, h'cap ch, £3,444, 7 ran).

Apr 20, Wetherby, good; (11-7) 10½ 3rd to Ida's Delight (10-13) (3m 110yd, h'cap ch, £7,830, 10 ran). SIBTON ABBEY

Nov 15, Cheitenham, heavy; (11-3) beat Farm Week (11-0) 21/2 (3m 11, amateur h'cap ch. £4,338, 10 ran). Cct 10, Worcester, good; (10-0) 11 2nd to Far Senior (10-0) (3m, h'cap ch, £7,100, 8 ran).

Cct 10, Worcester, good; (11-4) beet Furry Knowe (11-1) a neck (2m 4f 110yd, h'cap ch, £2,832, 5 ran).

Selection: JODAMI

1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP (Handicap chase: Grade III: £36,160: 3m 2/ 110y0) (13 runners) RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE RIGHT 12.45 STAUNCH FRIEND (nap). 2.25 NORTH STREET HANDICAP CHASE (25,918: 2m 1f) (3 numers) 1.15 Nomadic Way. 401 1P1/1-65 FUS LADY 7 (C.D.F.G.S) (Mrs A Make) M Pipe (0-12-0. P Scotlames 9
402 30/11-11 Kinks OF THE LOT 15 (F.G.S) (Mrs & Brishney D Michales 9-12-0. R Damwandy (8
403 3416-301 HOME STREET 14 (CD.F.G.S) (W Stack) J Julyses 9-10-11. A Ortacy 9 BETTING: 4-5 King (II The Lot, 13-8 Hown Street, 9-2 Fe's Lady 1901: MY YOUNG MAN 5-11-4 G Boarbay (3-1) C Breaks 3 mm RICHARD EVANS: 12.45 Mighty Mogul. 1.50 JODANI (nep). 3.00 FILKE WALWYN CHASE (24,562: 2m 4f) (9 runners) 901 00-52 AFTERGELY 21 (Aix G McKey) A Durn 7-11-0.
502 172-180-187 00-M01 25 (5) (Jun Yushy) D McCella 1-11-0.
503 200-57 COSERT 10 (7) (Fell-mell Parimes) A Turnul 6-11-0.
503 200-57 COSERT 10 (7) (Fell-mell Parimes) A Turnul 6-11-0.
505 00152/ LITTLE-MEPPER 766 (F.E.) (Aix J Moule) D McCellates 7-11-0.
506 0205-33 PROPERI 13 (D.S.S) (Aix S Willes) J Gilbert 7-11-0.
506 0205-33 PROPERI 13 (D.S.S) (Aix S Willes) J Gilbert 7-11-0.
506 0205-32 SIMLET MAY 41 (5) (Aix M Marter) P Michaels 6-11-0.
506 0713-22- BUSY METTERS 207 (BF.S) (D Burn) J Martins 11-10-0.
506 0713-22- BUSY METTERS 207 (BF.S) (D Burn) J Martins 11-10-0. The Times Private Handlospper's top rating: 1.50 JODAMI. BETTIMO: 5-2 Propers, 11-4 Dublin Piper, 4-1 Capart, 5-1 Biology Stand, 14-1 Samby Res, 18-1 Wiless. TWIT: DELAWALEWATERFORD 5-11-0-J Ordone (Cream by) & Resmood 9 on [G7808 II: 25,02.0. 2111 1 (1970) (7 PLENERS)

101 13313-3 DUBGE OF MORRADUTH 15 (D.A.S.) (A Samed) S Shewrood 4-11-6. M Richards 81

102 1145- RUMN 214 (B.D.F.B.) (E Workeld) M Hendesson 5-11-6. J Osborne 94

103 110-4 LPT AND LOAD 8 (CD.C.S.) (Alex P. Moet) R Hanton 5-11-6. D Marphy 85

104 1921-11 STARROCH FREEND 15 (CD.C.S.) (B Schrick-Borler) M Tompline 4-11-6. P Seculations

105 2113-11 MOEHTY MOGSL 21 (CD.C.S.) (Alex S Robbs) (3 McDoll) of 11-3 R Dorbardock) (77

107 00128-8 STARANCK 9 (B.D.S.) (Alex M Single) D Eleventh 4-11-9. P Moliny 72 3.35 SPEEN NOVICES HURDLE (£3.350; 2m 110yd) (18 runners) 3ETING: 6-4 Migrity Mogel, 5-2 Stansish Friend, 9-2 From, 6-1 Date Of Montrousin, 8-1 Lift And Lond, 33-1 Stateptic, 36-7 Secs. H.OMAN's best ellert came when beiting Halkopous,
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Behading: SDAMACH FRESHO. litr Penal Interphy (7) — H Deview, — J Kevernight 92 L Wyer — BETTING: 3-1 Onemes Delight, 7-2 Meria, 5-1 Team Tyelsin, 4-1 Stemp Buly, 7-1 Visine Vanium, 8-1 Onem's Replact, 12-1 Desem Carles, 20-1 Conscions, 25-1 others. BBC1 1991: LET AND LOAD 4-11-0 & McCourt 69-29 R Hannes 25 page | Grade II* 26, 3003. 371 17 10/01 (9 Families) | Separate | Separ COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** Rides M Tocophins M Pipe R Harmon S Thermoni M Institute T Footer 25.0 21.0 21.2 20.8 15.8 12.5

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110/d, goods soft), TYPRONE BRIDGE 81 3m of 7

Selector: NOMADIC WAY (mm) NEWCASTE MANDARIN 1.05 Batabanco. 1.05 Batabanoo. 1.35 Pink Gin. 1.35 Pink Gin. 2.10 Hot Star. 2.10 Trainglot. 2.40 Coulton. 2.40 Coulton.

3.10 Viking Rocket.

3.45 Polishing.

.05 COMEDY OF ERRORS HOVICES HURDLE .3-Y-O. £2,616. 2m 110yd) (13 runners) BATABANDO 11 (D.S) (P Sovill) Nits S Reveloy 11-4.
ALGOY 14TF (P Kellbred) P Kolberay 10-12.

5 BELIEVE IT 24 (Nits J Waggot) N Waggot 10-12.

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332 GAVERO 18 (B) (Marquess do Mostalia) Jeway Picayeald 10-12.

() GREAT MAX 21 (R Green) M Javyls 10-12. A Bates (7) -P McMillams 67 A Dobbin (5)

8 Storey TETTING. 5-4 Patabarroo, 4-1 Garedo, 5-1 Greet May, 8-1 in the Doubt, 16-1 Inen, 14-1 Boring, Fort Flux 15-1 Algory Believe II, 26-1 others. 1081: GALLATTEN 10-10 N Daugley (3-1) E Richards 14 GB

1.35 HERON ELECTRICAL NOVICES CHASE 3,028. 2m 4f) (7 runners) SETTING: G-4 Pink Gar. 5-2 The Laughing Lord, 4-1 Killula Chiel, 10-1 Sandy Andy, Dunin's Interne, 20-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

PARK GIN heat Boarding School SI in 5-manier class. DANTE'S in good to soft) novice class. DANTE'S in METCHOL led thi until fall 11th in Subgelied (2m in soft) novice class who by boarses on a court to soft) novice class who by boarses on the soft in soft novice class who by boarses on the soft in sof COURSE SPECIALISTS 52 127 35 14 35 105 TRAINERS Wite Rives 19 70 54 273 16 69 12 56 6 35 27 1 25.4 23.2 21 1 197 17 1 S McCom
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Snurge (Richard Quinn) and Spring (Willie Carson) epresent Britain in the 32.258 group 111 Premio but the soft ground will be in Roma Vecchia (1m 6f) at the his favour.

LOHAL FORM FOCUS LEADING PROSPECT 12 2nd of 12 to Ringtond to Ketso (2m 110yd, good) novice hardle. HERH ALL TITUDE bad Lo Strepane 1911 in 10-man Paridock 2m 44 youth novice hardle. HERH Mark best Hightendram 101 in 16-man movies hardle over course and detance (good to Sirra) as paruditrials start.

VALIANT WARRICH best ONE MAR (same hardle)

Selection: HIGH ALLTITUDE 2.40 BELLWAY HOMES FIGHTING FIFTH HURDLE (Grade II: £9,500: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 12200-5 ROYAL DEPBI 42 (CD.F.S.5) (bi Tahor) N Catleghen 7-11-8.
2 9/13111- COULTON 210 (C.F.S.5) (bi S Carletot M W Escherty 5-11-4.
3 1/2-111 ARE PLAYER 28 (D.F.S.5) (bi S Bernell) Mr. 5 Brandl 5-11-0.
4 5/2 BOLD AMBITION 14 (T Kessey) T Norsey 5-11-0.
5 1 CORREN 141.7 (S) (P Nothern) P Nothern 5-11-0.
6 01122- MALKOPOUS 3SF (D.F.5) (A Carletotusion) M Tompules 6-11-0. 8 17122 - Percuryus Sar (ロノナロ) (ロノナ FORM FOCUS PICYAL DERBI 1194) Sed of 5 to Juny Jack in Kempton (Zm. good) hardle. Best Norrectic Way cack to 4-counter field in this sace test year (good to femt). COULTOK heat 5-yeards short head in 9- meany grade if funds at Ultroster (Zm. 44, good). ARLE PLAYER hast fluids Particle 1141 is 5-seems. 3,10 DOUGLAS SMITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE C4 (£2,872: 3m) (5 runners) | 121FP4 STOON WRID 24 (CD.F.R.S) (Ars M Scholog) M Haramond 9-T1-101 P Men
| 2 F42210 VIGNG ROCKET 231 (D.S.S) (R Grem) C Parter 8-10-13 B Store
| 3 F4250 ADEN APOLLD 320 (G.S.) (J Strd) T Craig 11-10-0 F Perroc (7
| 4 P722P2 GALADRE 6 (C.S.S.) (J Lascon) M M Easters 10-10-9 R Germin
| 5 F7101-P ABERCROMERY CHEE 19 (D.S.) (I Devidence) J Grew 7-10-0 T Ren
| Long Institute; Adam Apollo 9-12, Selective 9-13, Abercrooky Cale 9-11.
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Cool Ground plans

COOL Ground, withdrawn from the Hennessy Gold Cup yesterday, will be airned at the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow next Saturday. Trainer Toby Balding said: "The Hennessy is a tough race whereas in the Rehearsal he will be about the only horse handicapped." With Cool Ground bound for Chepstow, stable companion Romany King will go for the SGB Chase at Ascot.

Desert Orchid delights vets

to delight his vets yesterday in his battle to recover from major surgery for a twisted

body and an intravenous drip in his neck. Desert Orchid

Umpires: T Prus and S Ranget

DESERT Orchid continued moved slowly and uncertainly but showed enough to satisfy onlookers that he is on the mend.

major surgery for a twisted gut.

The grey was allowed a brief walk outside the intensive care unit in Newmarket, which has been his home since undergoing surgery on Wednesday.

With shaved patches on his body and an intravenous drip in his neck. Desert Orchid mend.

He was given half a bucket of hay and will be started on solid food shortly.

Vet Tim Greet said: "He is making steady progress. He is hungry and that's a good sign. Every day is a good day but horses have good days and then sometimes relapse."

Racing next week

MONDAY: Kelso, Worcester, Lingfield Park (All-weather). TUESDAY: Newcastle, Fontwell Park, Leicester. WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, Huntingdon, Ludlow, Southwell (All-weather).

THURSDAY: Windsor, Uttoxele Lingfield Park (All-weather). FRIDAY: Sandown Park, Here-lord, Nottingham, Exeter. SATURDAY: Sandown Park, Chepstow, Wetherby, Towcester. (Flat meetings in bold)

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Saturday portrait: Peter Scudamore, by Alan Lee

Champion refuses to waver in blinkered pursuit of perfection

when he was set a school essay imagining life 20 years hence. "I have been champion jockey for the past five seasons," he began precociously. Only his

When he was 28, the long wait in John Francome's exotic shadow was only just ending. But Scudamore is 34 now and has been champion for seven consecutive years, dominating his sport in a way denied to even his own boyhood heroes.

With the National Hunt season barely out of short trousers it seems early to be contemplating a de-throning but this week, Richard Durwoody has pulled clear of Scudamore in the winners' table and, for the first time, become the bookmakers' favourite for the title.

Agitation seldom shows in Scudamore but he has seen too much to be anxious yet, and the reign will not lightly be abdicated. His pale, searching features are not quite so solemn these days. He has learned to relax. Yesterday, he even took the day off. But do not mistake the readier smile even for contentment, much less complacency. "I still get annoyed when anybody else rides a winner," he explains. "That feeling doesn't fade. And there are a lot of things I like about being champion jockey. Being known gives me a certain freedom, a constant buzz. I'm not going to give that up easily."

He speaks quietly, thoughtfully and articulately. One of the first things to impress about Scudamore is his manner. He seldom swears, quite a rarity in this environment, and manages to be polite without being patronising. It is one reason why he is liked and respected without reserve, trusted implicitly by those inside and outside the sport.

There is none of the roguish charisma of Francome about Scudamore, and yet he has achieved wider esteem, consulted by those in racing to whom jockeys were once the paid menials, and followed slavishly by the punters who identify in him an honesty not always taken for granted in the betting shops.

borrowed time as a jockey. When he suffered a second broken leg last year, he briefly considered retiring. Then the pain and disillusionment eased and he banished the thought. But it is possible that this will be his final season, and it will certainly not be long before he starts spending a little more time at home with his wife, Marilyn. and sons, Thomas and Michael.

When the day comes, Scudamore will not be lost to racing, for he has already invested heavily in his future. The 140 acres on which his Cotswold cottage stands are owned. in partnership, by Scudamore and Nigel Twiston-Davies. They already house a training establishment of swelling reputation and rapid expansion.

In years to come, Twiston-Davies

'Do not mistake the smile for contentment or complacency. The king may be on borrowed time, but he is not ready to abdicate yet'

may retain the licence but Scudamore's input will increase

Twiston-Davies was best man vhen Scudamore married in 1983, but they go back much further than that. They met as tenyear-olds, when the local pony club was held on the Twiston-Davies farm, next door to Scudamore's grandparents in rural Herefordshire. Later, Scudamore's first ride in a point-to-point was donated by his friend. "Nigel couldn't get there," he recalls with a grin, "and he could never get the ride back,

There was an obsessiveness about Scudamore in his teens. Driven to follow his father, Michael, whose 500 winners as a jockey included the Gold Cup and Grand National, he defied all efforts to coax him into alternative employment and resented the caring selectivity of his parents, appreciatshould not ride.

When he was 16, and his father refused to allow him to ride a disreputable animal in a point-topoint, he packed his bags and left home. He did not get far before Michael picked him up in his car but, as a declaration of intent, he had made his point. He was not to

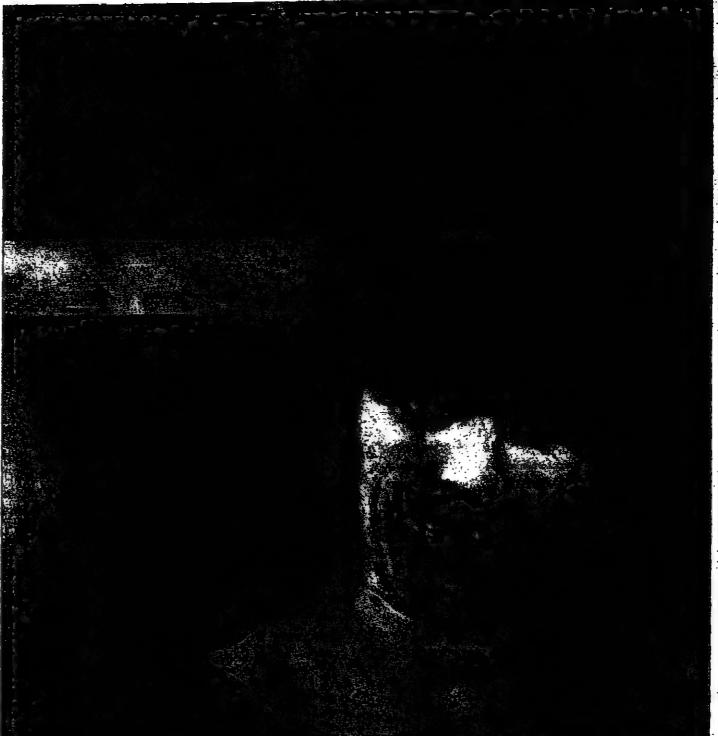
nervous in his early riding years that it is said she would lock herself in the racecourse loo during his races. Michael had gone through the motions of dissussion, even installing his son in an estate agent's office, but privately he always knew he would be a jockey and hoped for nothing eise except, perhaps, that Peter could have ridden in his own cavalier times.

When Michael Scudamore was in his pomp, the jockeys circuit embraced such Soho haunts as the Jermyn Street baths, Eileen's Bar and Wheeler's, and it was nothing unusual for a rider to arrive for racing in his dinner suit. "We used to live for today," he said. "Never mind tomorrow - that could take care of itself."

Peter enjoyed the tales of carous ing but was always set on doing things his own way. His was a sober, intense dedication, so sinele-minded that some of his peers wondered if he was actually enjoying life at all. But enjoyment, to the young Scudamore, was the pursuit of perfection. And so it is today.

His new diet allows him the indulgence of a glass of wine at night without jeopardising his 10st minimum riding weight, and in the summer he will turn his competitive instincts to a field he has yet to fully conquer, the cricket old habits die hard. Scudamore. 5ft 9in, is still restlessly ambitious and severely self-critical

There have been a number of influences on the champion, aside from the enduring one of his father. Terry Biddlecombe, the tough, cheery former champion and a family friend, was one of the first. David Nicholson, who spot-ted in Scudamore that intangible gift of relaxing a horse in a race,



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champion, with Francome.

ence only by legend until. in 1985. he chose Scudamore as Francome's successor at his Lambourn yard. And then, most profound of all, there is Martin Pipe, a trainer whose empire is based, as much as anything, on an extraordinarily close relationship with his like minded jockey in which each credits the other for furthering his

horse he rode for Pipe kicked every hurdle out of the ground yet galloped on relentlessly to win. He was the fittest borse I had ever sat on," he recalls. But he was to sit. on many in similar condition. It is no coincidence that Pipe's unconventional interval training

method has now been adouted at

Davies. It is ironic, though, that, at Newbury today, as Scudamore mpts to win the Hennessy Gold Cup for the second consecutive year on Pipe's Chatam, one of the main dangers will be posed by a horse called Captain Dibble, trained literally in his back garder and part of the venture.

Scudamore has no clash loyalties. "I am still a jockey, sing the glory. There is no

constitutes his fotore.

wins and I'm not on him." he says. "He may be part of my finure but I am living very much for the

For the perfectionist jackey, only one house really counts this after noon, as he sets about dispersing the volumes who are already gathering to pick over the remains of a wonderful career. His message is clear. The king is far from

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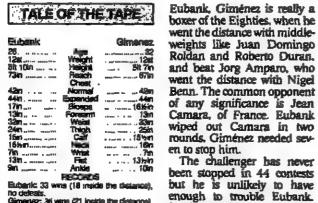
Eubank counting on an easy pay day against Giménez

CHRIS Eubank has often talked of giving up boxing for other work - studying psychology or becoming a dogooding special envoy — but his skills would be better suited to business management. He is the only boxer in the

world to understand fully the business side of the sport. Boxing is about making money, and that is more important than having your head bashed in by taking on the best in the world.

He is clever at making money without taking risks. He picks opponents whose styles are ideally suited to his own and who will push him just far enough, but not beat him. Having made himself into something of a cult figure. he is now a bigger attraction

The man who challenges Eubank today for the World Boxing Organisation's super-middleweight title, at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester. was not even in the qualifying top ten rankings when Eubank picked him. "I have



Gimenaz: 36 wms (21 inside the distance), been watching him for a long

time," Eubank said. Perhaps Eubank first noticed Juan Carlos Gimênez a year ago, when the Paraguay-

an, as No. 1 contender, was dropped from the ratings, together with the No. 2, to make room for Eubank and Michael Watson, who decided they wanted to be supermiddleweights and box for the title. Girnénez conveniently popped up in the top ten again last month, at No. 6. Now 32, six years older than

SKIING Tomba forms striking partnership

FROM DAVID POWELL IN SESTRIERE

front-page banner headline with Marco van Basten in the Italian sports daily. La Gazzetta dello Sport, yesterday. The theme was that they should be equally compelling to watch this weekend.

It is a mark of Tomba's status in Italian sport that the same newspaper produced a front page with no trace of football for the first time in more than 50 years when, at the Winter Olympics last February, Tomba and his compatriot, Deborah Compagnoni, won gold on the same day.

And which other sportsman could lure thousands of spectators from Turin to the mountains on the very day that Juventus are at home to AC Milan? Juventus will be

ALBERTO Tomba shared a trying to end the 44-match unbeaten run of van Basten and co tomorrow. But then Tomba probably has more chance of winning.

The new men's World Cup season starts here and Tomba should head the first table after two races this weekend. a giant slalom today and a statom tomorrow. His record here is exceptional, winner of three slaloms and a giant slalom, and he expects to have one more of each shortly

before kick-off tomorrow. "This is my lucky place." Tomba said. Under new World Cup rules governing starting order, Tomba, as the competition's defending stalom and giant slalom champion, may opt for the advantage of going first. But he said: "I will leave No. 1 to other skiers. I am going to win anyway." Conceit or kidology? Finn-Christian Jagge, the Norwegian who was second to Tomba in the slalom here last year. said: "Finishing

He does not look much bigger

than a light-middleweight, and even his French connec-

tions say he is not in top shape.

Eubank should not have to

run this time, as he had to

against Tony Thornton in Glasgow in September. Eubank said he would do

whatever he had to do to win.

"You want to see do-or-die stuff." Eubank said, "but you

can't be big-headed. I will adapt. I will run if it is

tactically correct." Giménez is

durable and comes to fight,

which means he is easy to hit. That will suit Eubank. He

should have a field day.

second to Tomba is as good as a win." Jagge returns as Tomba's most likely challenger after Paul Accola, the overall World Cup champion from Switzerland. Tomba's greatest wish now

is to be overall champion for the first time but his chances are slim. Accola contests all four disciplines but Tomba competes only in giant slatom and slatom (15 of the 33 races), fearing for his safety in the speed races. A huge task. but, like van Basten, Tomba is

Tendulkar holds fort as older hands depart

CRICKET: INDIA'S 19-YEAR-OLD BATSMAN BECOMES FOUNGEST TO 1,000 TEST RUNS

as Matthews at third slip could not hold a sharp chance. Later, Tendulkar, playing his

nineteenth Test, square-cut

Shastri, trying to cover drive, and Jadeja, misjudging the line, fell to successive balls.

Manjrekar edged a breakback

into his stumps; Azharuddin

stricked a catch to first slip:

Amre was leg-before; and

Prabhakar was caught

and drove with assurance.

FROM RICHARD STREETON

IN JOHANNESBURG SACHIN Tendulkar, aged 19

years 222 days, became the youngest player to reach 1,000 runs in Test history vesterday as he singlehandedly resisted when India collapsed against South Africa on the second day of the second Test match here. Tendulkar finished 75 not

out as India struggled to 128 for six in reply to South Africa's 292. The South African total represented a memorable recovery after their own initial setbacks. Later they again showed extraordinary resilience when their frontrank attack was reduced to three men after a dreadful accident to Pringle. Cronje filled the gap well with his occasional medium pace.

Pringle, trying to pull a short ball from Srinath, topedged the ball into his face. It somehow struck his left eye between the helmer's peak and grill. Pringle was carried off on a stretcher and in hospital was found to have a fracture of the the eye-socket. He should recover inside a week but will take no further part in this

Tendulkar, with several streaky shots through the slips, looked uneasy early on as Donald reached a frightening pace against him. Tendulkar was ten when one ball took the bat's edge as he tried to avoid

playing a shot. It earned a four

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J N Fhodes Ibw b Kumble
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D J Poblettson Ibw b Kumble
C R Metthews b Prebheter
S M W Potents retired but

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-11, 3-11, 4-28, 5-73, 6-158, 7-186, 5-251, 9-232.

INDIA: First Immings
R J Chaum a Williams b Matthews 7
A D Jackele low b Mobiliam 7
S V Marristar b McMillen 7
S I Acherolder not out 7
Al Acherolder a McMallen 9
P K Arre low b McMillen 8
P K Arre low b McMillen 1
Kapt Dev not out 11
Kapt Dev not out 11 Ecras (b 2, nb 1, w 8)

when he swung against a bouncer from Strath and lifted the ball towards long leg. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-27, 8-44, 4-77; 5-124, 8-127. Manirekar ran forward and

took a low catch. No changes to the system used for television replays on difficult line decisions in Test

Shastri, Sobers, Salim Malik,

Headley and Bradman. The

Don needed only seven Test

In the morning, McMillan finished with 98 of the 219

runs to come from South Africa's last five wickets, and

he deserved a century. McMil-

ian's strokes were sensibly

chosen and he was rock solid

in defence. He was last out

Tendulkar, however, was magnificent and has so far the series is completed, it was batted 48 overs and hit 13 announced yesterday. Their fours. He reached his mileuse was an experiment which stone at 33. Kapil Dev, in would only be reviewed later, Dr Ali Bacher, the South African board's chief execu-1979-80, was the previous holder of the record. Kapil was 21 years 27 days and had tive, said. played in 25 Tests. Eight men had previously reached the mark before they were 22: Misndad, Graeme Pollock, Bacher was speaking in the aftermath of Steve Bucknor's

decision on Thursday not to give Rhodes run out when the camera showed he had been. Contrary to ICC custom, Bucknor was given specia permission to explain publicly what had happened. He admitted he had been badly ... positioned and had been wrong. With the use of the camera not mandatory, he had decided against enlisting

Bucknor denied that there was any question that he had reacted instinctively and neither had he forgotten the availability of the replay. Buckner did invoke the cameras yesterday to rule that the South African, Pringle, was

Border leads from the front

He is to have intensive treat-

ment in an effort to be fit for

the later stages of the match.
After Taylor and Steve

Waugh started to repair the

However. Hooper's fifth

hall after the interval account-

ed for Waugh, who was caught and bowled off a fierce

hit. With the score at 125,

Hooper then induced Boon,

who had made 48, to pop up a

damage

Brisbane: Allan Border, the Australian captain, held his side together on the opening day of the first Test with West Indies here yesterday before being run out for 73 five minutes before the close, when Australia were 259 for six.

Border, who started the match needing 348 runs to overhaul Sunil Gavaskar and become Test cricket's leading scorer, was beaten by a throw from Hooper to the wicketkeeper. Williams, after adding 72 runs for the sixth wicker with Greg Matthews.

Australia's top order bats-men had earlier struggled against pace and spin. Ambrose and Hooper both took two wickets while Ian Bishop claimed his first Test wicket for two years, largely spent recovering from a stress fracture in his back, when he had Mark

Taylor caught behind. Hooper could not have been expecting to play such a prom-inent part with his off breaks so early in the match, on what appeared to be a perfect hatting pitch. But he was forced into action when Walsh imped off with a strained left hamstring after getting through only five deliveries.

catch to Simmons at short leg. Damien Martyn, playing in his first Test at the age of 21, looked solid and reached 36, Waugh had gone by the time the score reached 21, Austrabefore he swung at a wide delivery from Ambrose and lia, who left out Dean Jones. was caught in the slips reached lunch without further Ambrose's 150th wicket in 35 loss, as Boon and Mark

> Border, playing his 134th Test, made the most of moments of good fortune to reach his 57th Test half-century and improve his already impressive record against West Indian fast bowlers, among whom Patterson was disappointing, conceding 73 runs off 14

AUSTRALIA: First Invings M A Taylor e Williams b Bishop D C Boon e Simmons b Hooper S R Waugh e Williams b Ambross Waugh e Williams b Ambro Waugh e and b Hooper Martyn e Lara b Ambrose R Border ner out PS not out A Heaty not out _____ C-J McDetmolt, M G Hughts and B A Reid FALL OF WICHETTE: 1-8, 2-21, 3-88, 4-125, 5-180, 6-2-22 BOMLRAS: Ambrone 21.1-7-48-2 (1.6b); Bishop 17-2-37-1 (3mb); Patterson 14-0-73-(15mb); Walsh 0.5-0-2-0; Hooper 28-4-71-2 (Inb); Smittoni 7-2-18-0; Arthuron 3-0-8-

WEST MOTES: D.L. Haynes, P.V. Sirmic R.B. Richardson (captain) C.L. Hooper, J. Lara, K.L.T. Attuation, D. Williams, C. American, C.A. March, J. B. Barton, C.

Rutherford strengthens New Zealand position Colombo: New Zealand, put in to bat by Sri Lanka in the

first Test match, struggled through 61 overs to reach 139. for four on a shortened opening day here.
A 52-run fifth-wicket part-

nership between Rutherford and Harris steered New Zealand towards a respectable total after the loss of their first four wickets for 87 runs. Rutherford, who began cautiously but grew in confidence. overcame the fast-medium attack of Ramanayake and Liyanage before Sri Lanka resorted to their spin bowlers. Bad light intervened with

almost I I overs to go, after the start had been delayed by 75 minutes due to a wet outfield. Rutherford was unbeaten on 46, scored in 110 minutes. He had hit one straight six off Anurasici, the left-arm spin

bowler, and five fours. Harris, in his Test debut, defended doutly for 84 minutes for I 1. The dismissal of Hardand in the fourth over justified Ranatunga's decision to send New Zealand in on a pitch which is expected to improve.

Hartland edged a rising deliv-

ery from Liyanage and de Silva diving low to his right at first slip, held a good carch. In adding 65 runs in the afternoon session, New Zea-land lost Wright and Crowe

Wright batted 90 minutes for II runs before attempting to fend a rising delivery from Ramanayake to be caught at third slip by Gurusinha. Crowe was brilliantly held at mid-wicket by Ranatunga as he pulled Warnaweera. Jones, who had batted confidently, left soon after tea for 35 when an outside edge off Liyanage flew to Mahanama

at second slip. (Reuter) NEW ZEALAND: First Irnings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-44, 3-77, 4-87

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THE OFFI

Villa give young defender his chance

Atkinson confident Ehiogu's ability will stand the test

By LOUISE TAYLOR

RON Atkinson today turns to Ugochuku Ehiogu — "Ugo" or "The Tank" are his more

better and certainly more ad-vanced than Paul McGrath was when I signed him from rish football at the age of 21. He has been most impressive in his England Under-21

Ehiogu was born and brought up in east London in a family with Nigerian origins. His ability was spotted in junior football on Hackney Marshes by Brian Talbot, the former England player, who was then at Watford. When Talbot became manager of West Bromwich Albion, he signed Ehiogu from school.

Ehiogu can only benefit from playing alongide Mo-

Ugochuku Ehiogu — "Ugo" or "The Tank" are his more familiar names with his teammates — to help extend Aston Villa's ten-match unbeaten run in the Premier League.

Ehiogu, 6ft I im and I 2st-plus, starts a game for the first time this season. He replaces the injured Shaun Teale at the heart of Villa's defence and Atkinson has no qualms about his ability to cope with Norwich City, the leaders, at Villa Park.

The Villa manager said yesterday: "At 20, Ehiogu is better and certainly more advanced than Park Coventy More advanced than Park Coventy Isla 19 9 20 27 12 Notin For 16 2 5 9 12 26 11

international central defender, against strikers of the calibre of Mark Robins. "I could have switched Earl Bar-rett from right back but I feel the time is right for Ugo, and I see him as the club's next regular centre half," Atkinson, who bought him for £40,000 from West Bromwich Albion last season, said.

Ehiogu himself has similar anbitions. "If I am half as good as McGrath at the moment it will do for me, but one day I would like to be better," he said. "I did not want to stay at Albion when my contract expired and wrote

Luton player critical

DARREN Salton, the Luton Town and Scotland Under-21 defender, was last night on a life-support machine in Addenbrookes hospital, Cambridge, after suffering severe head and leg injuries in a car crash on Thursday night.

Salton, 21, was a passenger in a Mercedes sports car driven by Paul Telfer, another Luton player, when it crashed head on in Clophill, Bedfordshire. A woman in the other car was killed but Telfer escaped with minor injuries.

manager, said: "We have been told Darren is unlikely to play football again. We are all praying for Darren. And our hearts go out for the family of the lady who died in the crash. Darren had everything before him. It is tragic that he will probably never play football again.'

Peter Collins, a Luton direc-tor, said that Luton's match against Watford tomorrow would go ahead. "It has been a difficult decision, but we feel it is the right one. We shall play the match for Darren."

to several clubs, including Villa, Nottingham Forest, Coventry and Wolves. Forest have still not replied, Wolves and Coventry wrote back to say their staff was full, but Villa gave me the chance and I have recently signed a three-year contract." With memories of his

Three Degrees - Laurie Cumingham, Cyrille Regis and Brendan Batson - when he was manager at West Bromwich, Atkinson calls his last line of defence today -Barrett, McGrath, Ehiogu and Bryan Small — his "Black Four". They will be tested by a Norwich side which has won more matches and scored more goals than anyone else in the Premier League. It has also conceded 28 goals in 16 matches, and only Oldham have a poorer redord.

Generally solid at Carrow

Road, Norwich have wobbled away from home and Villa, who are fourth, will want to collect three points. Atkinson dismissed suggestions that Norwich's challenge would founder, but he conceded that up to ten clubs remain realistic

"Although Norwich are well able to keep up the pace and become champions, you have to bring several clubs into the equation, even Liverpool," be said. "Don't forget this is a genuine six-pointer for us. If Norwich end our unbeaten run they can go eight points dear of us, quite a gap."

Chelsea, presumably among Atkinson's ten challengers, are at home to Leeds United tomorrow. Having won six of its last seven games. lan Porterfield's side should thank Mick Harford for much of the success. A potential contender for the surewdest buy of the season, Harford, 33, cost Porterfield £300,000 from Luton this summer. Since then, the centre forward has scored nine goals, four in the last six matches. Leeds have still to record their first away win of the season.



Charity champions: BBC Television presenter Desmond Lynam (left) welcomes Sharron Davies, the Olympic Games swimmer, and four of Britain's 1992 Olympic rowing gold medal-winners, Jonny Searle, Garry Herbert, Greg Searle and Steven Redgrave, to the Spinal Injuries Association Ball, at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on Thursday. The ball is expected to raise more than £25,000 for the charity

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Van Basten tops voting

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

□ Naples: Napoli want the

Italian football federation to

press for the immediate sus-

pension of Diego Maradona

after claiming that his new

A statement issued by Napo-

club, Sevilla, are in breach of

his board of directors said

yesterday that Sevilla had failed to meet a deadline for

depositing financial guaran-

tees for the \$4.5 million (about

CODITACI.

MARCO van Basten, the AC Barcelona, and Fabio Capello, of AC Millan.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: 1, M van Bassen

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Rangers, 6. Reel Madend: 7. Argentina, 8,

Aléfico Madrid, 9. Germany, 10, Holland

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(Barcelona), 3, Fabio Capello (AC Melas), 4,

Tele Santein (São Paulo); 5, Año Bassie

(Argentins), 6. Howard Wilvinson (Leds

Linied), 7, Walter Smit (Rangers), 8, Bora

Millinova (Hinled) Sasies), 8, Carlos

Permana (Brazel); 10, Egd Olsen (Norwey)

Ti Namiles: Nanoli want the Milan and Holland striker, has been voted player of the year by World Soccer magazine.

Van Basten, who leads the Italian league scoring with 12 goals in nine matches, was a runaway winner in the poll. The results were released just two days after he scored four times in AC Milan's 4-0 win over IFK Gothenburg in the European Cup quarter-final group stages.

Dennis Bergkamp, who helped Ajax Amsterdam to the Ucia Cup title last season. finished runner-up behind his countryman. Peter Schm-eichel, the Denmark and Manchester United goalkeeper, was third.

Denmark were voted team of the year followed by AC Milan and Barcelona, winners of the European Cup last season. Richard Moller Nielsen, of Denmark, led the voting for manager of the year followed by Johan Cruyff, of

£3 million) outstanding on Maradona's transfer payment and that the deal had therefore fallen through.

"The board has decided to call on the FIGC [the Italian football players' federation! to declare the transfer invalid and secure the immediate suspension of the player from Sevilla," the Napoli statement

Maradona, 32, the former Argentina captain, moved to the Spanish first division club in a complex transfer deal involving a total fee of \$7.5 The initial \$3 million pay

ment has been met but problems have arisen over the remaining \$4.5 million, which was to have been paid in instalments over two years. Fifa, football's world gov-

erning body, originally gave Sevilla until November 10 to come up with guarantees on the outstanding sum. This was subsequently extended by 15

RUGBY LEAGUE

Chance for Wigan to move ahead

By Christopher Irvine

WIGAN, who will approach their league game tomorrow a great deal more confidently than some of their closest rivals, may well be able to open up a clear gap at the head of the Stones Bitter championship.

While the burdens of international duty have fallen heavily on St Helens, who had five players involved in last night's Wales v England international, Wigan, for once, are not overstretched.

injuries to the forwards. Denis Betts, Kelvin Skerrett and Andy Platt, left Martin Offiah and Phil Clarke as the dub's only representatives at Swansea, Shaun Edwards and Martin Dermott having

been surprisingly overlooked.

John Monie, the Wigan coach, has enjoyed a less stressful week than might have been expected, particularly now that Plant's rib injury has

improved sufficiently for him to return at prop forward against Hull Kingston Rovers, who have lost their last four away league matches. Unlike Leeds, with four

players on England service. St Helens decided not to postpone their fixture, but would surely have preferred easier prey than Sheffield Eagles at Knowsley Road. The sixthplaced side have already overcome three of the team's above them, although they lost 18-10 at home to St Helens in

Castleford, unbeaten this month, will be looking to maintain the Yorkshire challenge in the return fixture with **Bradford Northern** but a depleted **Warrington** may struggle to contain Leigh, who are threatening, under their new Australian coach Steve Simms, to move away from

MATCH BY MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal v Man Utd George Graham, the Arsenal manager, will expect a positive response from his players after last week's 3-0 defeat at Leeds. Seaman, Araenal's goalkeeper, passed a fitness test on hie hip yesterday, but Graham is withou mith, who has a stress fracture, in attack. Limpar seems certain to start Cantona postpones starting his er Linvied caree watches from the stand. Aston Villa v Norwich knee ligament damange dictalas that Teale ends an everdictales that I sale errus an ever-present run of 70 matches for Villa. His piece in central defence goes to Etrogu, an England Under-21 international, who starts a League game for the first time Norwich, the Premier League leaders, who have scored at least once in all of their League games so lar, are unchanged.

Blackborn v QPR Blackburn Y QFK
Blackburn's present problem is acoming goals, with Shearer having lailed to find the net in his past live League games. Whight, the Blackburn left back, faces a finess lest on his groin but Wegerle may make a rare appearance in attack against his former club. Rangers are likely to be without Bardsley, Impey and Allen. lpswich v Everton A hamstring pull means that Wark is absent from the loswich defence, but Bosnosk, the defence but Boznoski, the Yugoslav international midfield Posteria witernatural money player, who has armed at Portman Road from Sporting Lisbon, could make his debut in the mudfield Cottee is recalled to an Everton squad that has been desperately short of goals this season, and Bartow, a pacey recome could be disense and the

reserve, could be given a run up tront though. Liverpool v C Palace Sames has been promised a staning place in the Liverpool team for the first time at Anfield since suffering an Achilles tendon many last April. Stewart is also fit to return to the modifield but Rush (grown) is ruled out. With Salako having flown to the United States for

further surgery on his troublescene left knee this week and Thomas and Rodger undergoing treatment at Liteshall, Palace are in anything but parted shape, although Sinnott and Southgate are poised to return. Man City v Tottenham City are after a fitth successive

unicease in their last seven games, and having failed to concede a goal for the past four, something has to give. City make their first change in six matches, the injured lan Brightwell being replaced by his younger brother, David Totlentiam replace the injured Allen with Moran, who has impressed in the reserves since completing loan speaks at assorted first division clube, and Dune with Bermby, the England Dune with Bermby, the England Under-21 striker.

Under-21 striker.

Notion: Forcest v Southampeon
Although designed to be back at
Forcest Neil Webb confessed to
feeing "ring rusty" after a
midweek reserve game, but Clough
still throws his 2800,000 signing
from Manchester United — who has
already bought a house in
Notingham — the first-team ahirt



Seaman: fit again for Arsenal

previously occupied by Glover. Southampton reten the side that is unbeaten in its fast three outings. Oldham v Middlesbrough Unition Withouse or with the second and a second a are also without Mershall (proken finger). Highert, a 2500,000 midweek buy from Crewe, makes his debut for Middleebrough in an attacking midfield role. Wright is lit to resurte on the wing, but Phillips is sidelined by knee trouble. is solenated by three trooles.

Sheff Util v Coventry

A metring of two termor

Wimbledon managers — and a pair
of experts at plucking bargains
from the lower divisions — Dawe
Bassett and Boobty Gould. Bassett and Bobby Gould.
Bassett and Bobby Gould.
Bassett as expected to stick with the United side that lost at Norworth last week. Gellacher, Coventry's much covered forward, returns after five weeks on the sidelines.

Wimbledon are still without the influential Fashanu — who has back



wimpecon are sall wimpur the influential Fashanu — who has back trouble — in attack, although their detence will be stiffened by the rulum of Scales efter a munth out with injury. Wimbledon have scored only one goal in their past five games and could give a debut to seenager Allen.

Wednesday are without Pearson.

debut to seenager Alten. Wednesday are without Pearson, their captain, and might mass. Palmer, who has recently reverted to centre half. His absence could mean Warhurst leaving the attack to re-join the defence and Watson starting up fromt. Tomorrow Chelsea v Leeds Harlord will put pressure on a vulnerable Leeds defence, which has looked vulnerable this season. Dongo, the Leeds left back, returns to his former club hoping to help United to their first away win of the season. Betty is fit but expected to be restricted to the bench with present making making the present and the present and the present with the present and the present and the present with the present and the Rocastle retaining his place. ☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

YACHTING

Angry cape awaits **Nuclear Electric**

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUERTO WILLIAMS, CHILE

THE good news for John Chittenden and his Nuclear Electric crew leading the sec-ond stage of the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race yesterday was that there was no wind at Cape Horn. The bad news is that it will be blowing 40 knots tonight, when they are due to round the infamous cane.

Nuclear Electric now has a one-and-a-half-day lead. Her nine rivals, led by Richard Merriweather's Commercial Union, are out of radio range but Chinenden said yesterday: There is another 5,000 miles to Hobart. We could lose our lead by misjudging just one weather depression in the Southern Ocean."

The first of these was sweeping in from the Pacific last night to turn the waters around the Cape into a maelstrom. "The weather is rarely calm for more than two days a month," a Chilean Navy captain said yesterday. "It can change from calm to stormforce in a matter of hours." Richard Tudor told vester-

day of the problems his British Steel II crew have faced since leaving Rio two weeks ago. Two of our crew, watchleader Yvonne Flatman from Uxbridge and David Arthur from Bedfordshire, have been ill ever since the start and are only now starting to recover. We were also becalmed for one and a half days, but now the crew is beginning to work as a team again."

British Steel crewman Kevin Dufficy described standing watch north of the Falklands: "It is 2 o'clock in the morning and I'm harnessed on the mast looking for an iceberg. The rain is lashing down, the boat is heaving over 25 and the temperature is below zero, yet we are still 600 miles from the Horn."

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LEADING POSITIONS (at 15.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Hoberth: 1. Nuclear Decrife IJ Chalenden), 5.644, 2. Commercial Union (R. Mermwesther), 5.898, 3. Coppers & Lybrand (Y. Cherry), 5.914, 4. Hubbrau Lager (P. Goss), 5.994, 5. Brinch Steel III (F. Tudon), 6.005, 6. Pnde of Teessade (MacCalinvay), 6.046; 7. Heath heared (A. Donovan), 6.046, 7. Heath heared (A. Donovan), 6.048, 8. Prome Poulerc (P. Phillips), 6.152, 9. Group 4 (M. Goking), 6.224, 10, InsesSpray (P. Jeffes), 6.312, 9. Reports oversilled by British Telescom.

ATHLETICS

Women run for Blackheath

THEY will not be there in great numbers, two or three perhaps, but 123 years of tradition will be seen off today when women appear in Blackheath Harriers vests for the first time (David Powell writes). More than 50 years after Sydney Wooderson's heyday, the Blackheath singlet

lives on unchanged. Blackheath is the oldest combined cross-country and athletics club in the world. "A gentleman's club," they used to call it. For professional men: solicitors, insurance brokers, bankers.

It was a club where tradition died hard. The Olympics accepted women 64 years ago but Blackheath followed suit only last month, admitting nine into membership. Today's mob-match cross country against Orion Harriers is their first chance to run for the

"We are expecting the women to be represented,"

Graham Botley, Blackheath's immediate past president, said yesterday. "None of them has bought a vest yet, but they will have the opportunity before the race. Until we get women's vests cut they will wear the men's." Furthermore, the women

will be on the same muddy course as the men. "A tradi-tional tough one," according to Botley. "The only thing they won't have to do is shower with us."

CYCLO-CROSS

Kluge adopts low-key tactics

fessional world cyclo-cross champion, tries to stay out of the limelight as much as possible when preparing for a major title (Peter Bryan writes).

That was the pattern before last February's world victory at Leeds - before which he rode only minor events - and his surprise entry for tomorrow's 50-minute race at Southampton suggests, he is adopting

MIKE Kluge, Germany's pro- the same tactics in the buildup for his . defence in Italy

next January.

Kluge, who also won the amateur championship twice, heads a seven-nation entry from overseas that will test, particularly, Britain's professionals, among them Steve

Douce, unbeaten in the first two rounds of the National Trophy series, has raced against the German frequent-

Kluge will be one of two current world champions competing; the other is Roger Hammond, the junior title holder, who also faces international opposition in his 40-

minute race. Hammond, in his first term at Brunel University, was fourth to Douce last weekend but was happy with his performance following a three-week bout of shingles.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Sussex fail to sign Athey

Sussex were yesterday refused permission to sign the former England Test cricketer, Bill Athey, who is leaving Gloucestershire after eight years.

The TCCB turned down the application because Athey is a class one player and Sussex already have two players of extraordinary registration.

Kerton's call

Powerboating: Steve Kerton, of Britain, is best-placed of the five drivers with a chance of taking the world inland circuit championship in the final round in Singapore tomorrow. Kerton, with 22 points, is one point ahead of John Hill, his compatriot, with Phil Duggan also in the frame.

Indoor challenge

Rowing: Greg Searle, the Olympic champion, and Matthias Siejkowski, the German indoor world champion. lead a world-class entry in the British indoor championships at Shiplake College tomorrow.

Injury setback

Boxing: Paul Hodkinson's training for his defence of the WBC featherweight title has been interrupted by whiplash injuries sustained in a recent car crash. He hopes to meet Ricardo Cepeda, of Puerto Rico. in January.

Smith's gold

Swimming: Graeme Smith, 16, of Stockport Metro, set a Scottish record of 15min 24.45sec in the 1,500m freestyle at the British grand prix at Gloucester last night.

FOR THE RECORD ICE HOCKEY

FOOTBALL UEFA CUP: Third round, first leg: Vilosee Amhem (Holl) 0, Seel Marind 1
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AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Houston Ollers 24, Detroit Lions 21, Dalles Cowboys 30, New York Giants 3.

ATHLETICS MANCHESTER, Connecticut: Road race (4.74 mic.): Marr. 1, R Neuritar (GB), 21 min 38sec; 2, J Gregorek (US), 21.36; 3, M O'Sulliven (Ire), 21.44 Women: 1, J St Hilare (US), 24.29; 2, S Steely (US), 25.08; 3, C O'Brien (US), 25:55. 3, C U STB1 (US), 2535.
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REAL TENNIS

Home-grown Open final

JULIAN Snow, the world's top amateur, and Chris Bray. the Petsworth professional, reached the final of the George Wimpey British Open championship yesterday (Sally Jones writes).

Snow, the second seed, was too severe for the Hampton Court professional, Chris Ronaldson, who put out Wayne Davies, the world champion, in the previous round.

Bray forced and retrieved well against Jonathan Howell. the Oratory School professional. who had defeated the favourite, Lachie Duchar, in

the quarter-finals. For once the semi-final lineup was all-British, so a homegrown champion is assured.

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Ferguson hopes French flair will revive Manchester United's title hopes

Cantona relishing new challenge

ERIC Cantona yesterday completed his £1.2 million transfer from Leeds United to Manchester United. After committing himself to Old Trafford for the next threeand-a-half years, the French international striker said he hoped that his days as a

Cantona will not, as had been expected, play in his new dub's Premier League fixture against Arsenal at Highbury this afternoon. He is now expected to make his debut against Benfica in Lisbon on Tuesday night in a testimonial Portuguese international

Speaking through an interpreter. Cantona acknowledged that his nine-month stay at Elland Road had been one of the most rewarding periods of a career which has embraced eight clubs and

Aware that the speed and manner of his move had been met with dismay and anger in championship last season.

"My journey carries on and has now brought me to Manchester United," he said. Obviously, I have been brought here to score goals, but I would also hope to bring something extra to the team.

The circumstances preceding Cantona's unexpected departure from a club where he was revered are still unclear, although it is difficult to believe that his relationship with Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, had not been a contributory factor.

Asked if he had asked for a transfer, Cantona replied firmly: "No." A similar response met a suggestion that his relationship with Wilkin-son had been damaged in recent weeks when it became clear that his prodigious, if wayward, talent could not guarantee his inclusion in a side struggling to make an

52180n. "I spent some of the very best months of my career at Leeds United," he said. "I can understand that some people may feel that I have let down the supporters of Leeds, but I do not see it that way. I had a special relationship with those

His first problem at Manchester United would be



If the cap fits: Cantona arrives at Old Trafford yesterday to complete his £1.2 million transfer from Leeds United

how to get into the side, Cantona said. "It is always difficult to fight for your place, but the challenge is always a

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, remains hopeful that Cantona's arrival will signal the end of his team's goal shortage, which again threatens their championship

instrumental in Leeds winning the championship last season," Ferguson said. "He have now provided him with the biggest of stages upon which to perform.

"At the age of 26 he is nearing his peak. I believe this deal to be value for money. My gut feeling is that it is right for my club."

Ferguson's joy was in stark contrast to the abject disap-pointment felt by those Leeds supporters who had "adopt-

ed" the flamboyant Frenchman. "I am amazed and stunned," Ray Fell, the chairman of the Leeds supporters' club, said. "I am certain that the reaction of most fans will be one of bewilderment. The supporters will be looking for, and will expect, a swift and suitable replacement."

Cantona's wife. Isabelle, said she was also disappointed. "I am sad. I like living here," she said at their Leeds

Wilkinson is expected to use bid for either Peter Ndlovu, of Coventry City, or Brian Deane, of Sheffield United. ☐ Police have warned supporters to beware of hundreds of forged tickets for the match at Highbury today. Anyone with a forgery would be turned

Team news, page 35 Villa's new face, page 35

BY NORMAN HOWELL

NIGEL Mangell, who is con-

tracted to drive for the New-

man-Haas team in the Indy

Car series, has been offered

the opportunity to drive in

Formula One next year by

Bernie Ecclestone, the presi-

dent of the constructors' asso-

ciation, Foca.

He was first approached during the weekend of the

Australian grand prix and.

since then, has indicated that

he would consider appearing in four races for Williams — as

long as Damon Hill drove the

car in the other 12.

TV warning by Taylor

GRAHAM Taylor, the England manager, has again risked the wrath of his employers, the Football Association, by sounding a warning about the over-exposure of the

come bank to a stack of videos and I can hardly be bothered to watch them. What's going on in Coronation Street is what I want to know."

Taylor has already upset officials at Lancaster Gate by criticising aspects of the FA Premier League structure and its beavy concentration on finance. In particular, he feels that international players are

One sumbling block is that

the world champion would

like to compete in the last two

races of the season, after the

Indy Car championship is

over, as well as in two more in

mid-season. Ecclestone would

mid-season grands prix.

rather he took part in only the

Another worry for Mansell

is that Williams-Renault may

not be inclined to provide him

if he beat Alain Prost, the

No. 1 driver, it would prove

highly embarrassing for the

Angio-French team that let

him go some months ago.

with a competitive car because

being left drained by their overloaded club programme. riages of saturation cover-

and will be empty seats. But the money will keep rolling in.
"We could get the situation. where we have two dozen clubs playing in front of empty houses. Whether we agree or disagree, that's what

we might have to accept.

Then, if the TV figures fall

because of the saturation coverage, football will not get

the past that "the door will

always be open for Mansell"

but, yesterday, he denied he

had been in contact with him.

He called it "a hypothetical

Whatever happens, Mansell

will be unable to race in the

British grand prix at

Silverstone as the date clashes

with an Indy Car race. Mansell has promised Carl

Haas, his team owner, that he

will honour his contract and

appear in all Indy races in the United States.

the possibility of enlisting

Mansell for the occasional

McLaren has also expressed

question".

see it I have been described. as an establishment man and a safe choice las England manager], but I don't think there has been a manager who has come out and said what the international scene is all about," he said.

One campaign Taylor has won is that to have "Land of Hope and Glory" played before home internationals.

Mansell offered return drives

race and it may be possible if the Williams deal fails to Ecclestone is still ootimistic that Mansell will drive in

Formula One next year. "I would not be surprised to see him competing. The new rules for drivers will allow him to go from car to car if he so wishes." Williams has been showing

increasing interest in Mika Hakkinen, the young Finnish driver with Lotus, as a partner for Prost. Peter Collins, the coowner of Lotus, has turned down a series of offers from Williams for Hakkinen.

golf and tennis; countries visited include Australia.

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Contract system forecast for leading players

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BOB Dwyer, Australia's rugby union coach, predicted yesterday that by the turn of the century players would benefit from the funds coming into he game, concervably on the same basis as Australian cricketers by receiving retainers according to their level of

"It's already happening." Dwyer told a Sports Writers' Association bunch in London on the eve of his team's final four match, against the Bar-barians at Twickenham today. There is only one attraction

pesn't matter where the oney comes from, whether it sponsorship or television "The money should go into

vers required to do certain iees. But for us in Australia the cricket model is easily attainible, where players are put on

e handful of players magain they might earn, at today's values, £40,000 a year from their association with the game. But he also defended the principle of such games as today's Barbarians froure.

here are loss of things from past years worth keeping and the world would suffer it

dous difference to remember pace. The principles of Bar-barian football ought to be remembered for ever. The best way of doing that is playing

team manager, pointed out that since winning the World

chance to play at one of the

"It's a game we have looked forward to and we hope it will continue. We would like to have something similar in Australia but sadly our Anzac concept hasn't quite got off the

The Australian manage International Rugby Football

Confident White edges in front

HMMY White, favourite to prising defeat of Stephen Hendry, held a 5-3 lead over Alan McManus after the first of their best-of-17 frame semi-final in Preston

McManus, 21, from Glasgow, showed he had suffered no reaction to his 9-8 quarterfinal victory over Hendry by compiling a run of 120 direct from White's break-off shot in

the opening frame.

A 44 break put McManus
36 points ahead in the second but he missed a red and White, whose confidence has benefited immeasurably from his success in the Rothmans grand prix last month, cleared to blue with a 73. McManus scored only five



A scrappy lifth frame ended missed an easy pink but McManus missed an even opponent with an unexpected

4-1 advantage. McManus was 6-4 down against Hendry and the unflappable temperament that stood him in such good stead then again came to the fore as he responded with breaks of 78, 43 and 35 to salvage two

of the afternoon's closing three frames to stay in contention. John Parrott, the defending champion, appeared on course to establish a sizable interval lead over Steve Davis when he made a 53 dearance in the fifth frame, from 39-8 in arrears, and a 92 break in the

sixth to move 4-2 ahead. But Davis recovered well and took the last two frames of the session with breaks of 44, 56 and 45 to level at 4-4.

Hendry returned to Scotland having left a cine as to why, after capturing a record nine titles last season, he has failed to win any of the opening six events this term. There's nothing wrong with my technique. I've just lost the killer instinct," he said.

Hendry will forfeit his No. 1 place in the provisional world rankings if Parrott wins in Preston.

SCORES: Semi-finals: S Davis (Engl level with J Parrott (Engl, 4-4; J White (Engl leads A McManus (Scot), 5-3.

"I bowl an honest yorker,"

Said the bowler, a plausi-

"The bail leaves my hand,

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There is no end in sight to the great England-Pakistan outsides and estate at cricket row. The latest person the said to be the met Puel professionais in Ved time Britary e per arters will es the fire and near the top t Appularu, Charis For the ing calculated to delanc British in the mide 1000 than the £20,000 Th Poly 311 In Percul weeks a bill indignation Parise viewers

ing programme was executed to frustrate us. The umpiring in the Headingley Test crossed all limits." He continues in this vein, as reported in the latest Wisden Cricket Monthly, claiming that he was told to "keep quiet and mind your own business" after drawing the umpire's attention to "persistent noballing" in the fourth Test at Headingley.

Pipe lines Last week this column offered

bottles of the finest port to the authors of the finest limercks. This week, I have reaped the whirtwind. Limerick writers have run

the gamus of sport we have finesse that ranges from Gazza ao Vinnie Jones, eleeance that spans the gap between David Gower and Devon Malcolm; grace that veers from David Campese to Gareth Chilcott.

I am delighted to dispatch my first bottle of Calem Colheita 1978 to Allan Pipe of Bristol, for an offering that has a cheerful quantum of

Politicians revel in fame Acciaim is the name of their game.

One minister of sport Was famously short. But the one we have now -Phat's his name?

Mr Pipe might even have won the bottle of port with a second effort, despite the scansion of the first two lines:

And removes the leg stump - what a corker!" I have more bottles of port to dispatch: I look forward to more sporting limericks.

Bold claims

to join in is Salim Malik, vicecaptain of last summer's touring party. "This was my third tour of England but I have never seen so much cheating before. I have no hesitation in saying that a planned cheat-

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Good cause, bad case of apathy

IT IS World Aids Day next week Cambridge Health Authority has tried to involve football in the publicising of a health education message. It seems a good idea to me high-profile sport working for one of the world's main problems. Sport should be proud to be involved.

Cambridge United, for the second year running are carrying a message in their match-day programme on Tuesday, for the home game gainst Oldham Athletic The health authority contacted others, including Premier League clubs, asking them to carry a similar message on December 5. Here is the result, in the health authority's own words: Very positive response

(message to appear in matchday programme): Tottenham Positive response (will try to

Frank Williams has said in put message in match-day programme): Oldham. Positive response (but no home games on 5th): Aston Villa, Manchester City. Unable to help but wish us

success: Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Blackburn Rovers. Negative response (no reply): Arsenal. Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea, Eventon, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Middlesbrough, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Queens Park Rangers. Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, South-

Fathers' fouls

ampton, Wimbledon.

Footballers are "battery hens who live in an infamile world. and bad fathers who look at themselves without self-criticism". So says Vera Slepoj, of the Italian Federation of Psychologists. "As models for children, they should not be emulated," she said. "They rear insecure children with fragile personalities who become drug-dependent ... Many children of ex-footballers come to therapy because



SIMON **BARNES** Sporting Diary

□ Ever heard of the The Swifts Sports Trust? Well, it believes in sport as a bridge-builder between nations, and likes to give money to teams of young people to play sport worldwide. Sports supported since 1965 include hackey, rugby union, cricket, football,

Own-goal trail

Goalkeeper of the week; won effortlessly by José Bedin, of the Rivadavia club, in Argentina's interior championship against Legama. The referee allowed a goal against Bedin in the 89th minute and Bedin did not react well. The referee then showed him the red card. Bedin responded by knocking him out. He was escorted off by police, but was not finished. He broke away and laid out the linesman.





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The Temptress and her chums

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WHAT TO WEAR

If the hat fits on the streets, wear it



FOOD AND DRINK

Oodles of noodles: the new fast food

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Sex, power and the maestros

Norman Lebrecht on conductors who were legendary performers in more than one sense –

and their cooler

Successors

man, desired by every nis wrist, a hundred musicians play in unison, as if magnetised. He can strike, or stroke, at will. "And since, during the performance, nothing is supposed to exist except this work," reflected the Nobel Laureane Elias Canetti, "the conductor for so long is ruler of the world." He is the master, the maestro, the monster that lurks just beneath the surface of a civilised subconscious.

His absolutism was coveted by Margaret Thatcher — "she envied me my position, where people always did what I requested", said Herbert von Karajan - and his gestures feehly imitated by Edward Heath. A corporate chief like Sony's Norio Ohga spends his night studying to become a conductor.

Off-duty, the conductor figure remains irresistible. When Sir Georg Solti, at 80 years old, enters a room, his presence registers perceptibly on the antennae of every female. Women half his age fantasise about being trapped with Solti in a lift.

Sex is integral to conducting whether in the explicit symbolism of that pointed, pointing baton, or in the extra-podial exploits of renowned conductors who were legendary performers in quite another sense. Sex, the supreme commensurate in their minds with the way they made music.

"doing it" with his orches tras; and sometimes did. kissing players of either sex flush upon the lips. Wilhelm Furt-Berlin Philharmonic, advised that a conductor "should be aware of his attraction" to the opposite sex and, before concerts, trysted with female admirers in his green room. Otto Klemperer was assaulted in midopera by an outraged husband.
One famous conductor dressed his soprano conquests in idemical white mink coats. One of today's senior conductors has assured me that he will retire from the rostrum

the day his virility wilts. Sexual swagger helps a conductor to dominate an orchestra and mesmerise an audience. If conducting is presently in crisis, with too little talent around to fill the international calendar, part of the cause is rooted in the shrivelling sexual confidence of the modern conducting guild — the shrink-wrapped, sale-sex, scholarly-serious species that stare out from the covers of compact discs. Deflated in size from LPs and in strut from rapacious predecessors, the newage conductor may provide a metaphor for the frightened nineties, but can be pretty useless at procuring a musical orgasm.

Conducting achieved its profes-sional identity in a sexual doglight and is now in danger of coming to an end in neutered sterility. It began 120-odd years ago in the painfully drawn-out chordal con-



for his wife amid a colony of penguins on South Georgia during a visit to the Falklands "Iridescent bonbomie": Zubin Mehta, one of

had sexually humiliated its conductor, Hans von Bülow, by seducing his wife, Cosima. Bulow accepted the relationship for three years but, when Cosima left him for Wagner in 1888, he felt doubly betrayed in heart and art. Dispossessed by a great composer and desperately needing to assert his masculinity, he promoted conducting to a fulltime career and invented its right to invest music with subjective feeling, or "interpretation". When Bulow returned to the podium, his accounts of familiar works were coloured by personal prejudice and.

on occasion, political propaganda. Frail, febrile and prone to nervous collapse, Bülow was no one's idea of a sex symbol, although he helped to establish the most robust of world orchestras in Berlin. His philharmonic successor, however. was croticism personified. Artur Nikisch, a diminutive Hungarian with manicured hands and gleaming white cuffs, stood almost motionless on the rostrum. The faintest twitch of his exceptionally elongated baton would elicit an explosion from the orchestra and

He transfixed them, players and listeners alike, with the liquescence of his deep-set eyes, and, perhaps, with the suggestively pubic triangularity of his huxuriant moustache

Adored by the ladies and irredeemably hedonist, Nikisch exhort-ed his disciples: "Let every performance be a grand improvisation!" He was the very paradigm of the professional conductor, the first to win world lame with orchestra tours and recordings, the fount from which Furtwängler and

Muti and Mehta. almost alone in their generation, have the capacity to excite and the chemistry to inspire

thority and aura. Not every important conductor

Gardo, while

have experienced from his touch. Karajan generally contrived to stand aloof from the rest of human-

Arturo Toscanini drew their au-

was so adventurous. Gustav Mah-

ler and Richard Strauss never strayed beyond their wives' apronstrings and could be quite prudish. Herbert von Karajan and Leopold Stokowski were attracted more by the feminine ideal than the fleshly reality. Stokowski had an apparently platonic romance with Greta Karajan in his forties told me that his ardour was unsullied by physical advances. Merely by assuring her that each concert was performed for her alone, he gave her a greater thrill than any she might

ity. He hated to be touched or embraced, was remote and humourless to his players and emulated Adolf Hitler in whipping up a mass following around an essentially frigid persona. He knew the value of sex, and could fake it in Der Rosenkavalier as well as anyone, but his mind was more on hygienic means of dominance -

A similar, puzzling neutrality afflicts the performing make-up of Pierre Boulez, whose appointment as principal conductor of the New York Philharmonic was greeted in The New York Times with the headline "The Iceman Cometh". Boulez, a French composer of austere atonalities, emphasised the structural and cerebral qualities of the music he conducted a expense of romantic warmth. Noone ever left a Boulez concert in a transport of delight, nor has Boulez

the amassing of a media empire and a DM500 million forture.

shown any inclination to carnal weakness. His motivation, like Karajan's, lay elsewhere in the narrowing of musical consumption to a single file of intellectually approved scores.

exual temperatures in the podium were further cooled to the point of chastity by the early-music revival, with its pallid, bookish conductors. Homosexual music directors found it socially necessary to conceal their proclivity and, with it, the passions that might enliven their performances. Women have yet to make a serious impact on the

The decline in sexual charisma has reached a point where Ameri-ca's major orchestras are now headed by middle-Europeans of irreproachable respectability — Kurt Masur in New York, Wolfgang Sawallisch in Philadelphia, Christoph von Dohnanyi in Cleveland, Daniel Barenboim in Chicago -- exemplary musicians all, but not a dazzler among them.

Nor does the tiny generation of younger conductors offer much by way of hope. Even Simon Rattle, Britain's only world championship unduly keen to be politically correct in the eyes of Boulez and the authenticity lobby, with the result that his fantasies are frequently restrained and his performance inhibited. Rattle's image is not that of a wild man. He is a devoted son and concerned citizen, resident in a Birmingham suburb with a wife and two kids.

Seekers of the old Adam can still flashing his iridescent bonhomie and Claudio Abbado his furtive charm. In Milan on Monday week, Riccardo Muti will open the La Scala season to a flutter of hearts and a swelling of national pride. Muti, at 51, combines musical

penetration with matinée-idol looks and the menace of a man who means to get his way, come what may. His image may be out of tune with contemporary fear and gloom. and the recklessness of some of his performances has affronted the accountants and caused pedants to fume. But Muti and Mehta, almost alone in their generation, have retained the capacity to excite and the chemistry to inspire. Its source mystery. "You give a gesture in the air," he once told me wonderingly. "and the sound comes out."

● Norman Lebrechi's conducting history. The Maestro Myth, was republished this month in paperback by Simon & Schuster (£8.99).





summation of Tristan and Isolde, Baton charge: Herbert von Karajan (left) thrilled with his ardour; Sir Georg Solti fuels fantasies whose composer, Richard Wagner, Art is for everyone: hang on to your laundry Just about anything can make a conceptual masterpiece "Hey! I like this one very much. Is it This artist's mouth closes up like

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Journalists and estate agents are said to be the most despised professionals in the country. Next time Britons are polled, I expect artists will emerge for the first time near the top of the Unpopularity Charts. For what could be more calculated to enrage an average Briton in the midst of a recession than the £20,000 Turner Prize for art? In recent weeks many normally passive viewers have turned into Alf Garnetts, splutter-ing with indignation as they watched the frontrunners for the prize explaining their work on

My husband is also an artist—in the original meaning of the word. He is a landscape painter but points out that the problems that beset a 20th-century Constable are legion and may well explain why so many of his contemporaries have abandoned easel painting for con-

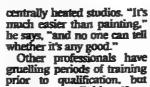
ceptual art.
"First, the countryside has

changed since Constable's time - if you can find a patch of countryside," he says. "For four months of the year the artist has the new problem of yellow oil-seed rape and, more recently, blue linseed." Staring at the yellow rape, he claims, "leaves a retinal image of the complementary colour blue which suffuses the optical field, making it impossible to work".

At other times, he says, prairies enriched with nitrogenous petro-leum-based fertilisers pose further problems. The treated fields appear as an unnaturally vivid green, a colour almost impossible to achieve even when employing the tech-nique of painting straight from the tube. In summer, flies attach them-selves to the viscous oil paint, while

and say, "Are you winning?" or. worse, "Keep on persevering!" And it's too cold to paint outside for eight months of the year. Painting from inside your car doesn't work. because the windscreen gets steamed up.

Small wonder so many artists turn to conceptual art or neo-Dadaism or do installations from



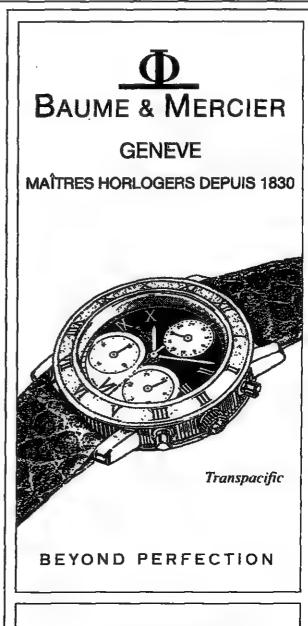
anyone can call himself an artist and this is one of the few professions where you can throw away the rule-book before you know the rules. What's more, artists' materi-

als are appallingly expensive, whereas the materials for conceptu-al art can be collected free from skips or your own laundry basket. Another point is that a certain someone does not know how to sell himself — perhaps the key ingredient in these matters. When people come into our cottage and see paintings on the wall, they will nes say something like

a Venus's fly-trap. "Oh, you like a verms's ny-trap. On, you note that one, do you?" he says, negatively. "Really? I'm surprised. I wasn't very pleased with it myself. I don't think this passage works very well [indicating a great swathe taking up most of the painting].

Still, if you're sure you like it. why don't I let you have it at a knock-down price?" Yet there is one consolation. At

least his tiny body of work will still be visible for future generations to admire or otherwise, whereas some 20th-century masterpieces made of denim, dead fish, asphalt or fat are already falling to pieces. The neo-Dadaist is indifferent to the future of his/her work in an attempt to destroy the notion of a collectable icon and to undermine the canonisation of the Art Object. "Well — I mean to say!" as Alf



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LONDON ANNIE GET YOUR GUN:

Broadway star Kim Criswell and John Diedrich doin' what comes natur'lly in a revival of trying Berlin's musical. The well-known classics include "Doin' What Comes Natur'lly" and "Anything You

Can Do Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tues-Sat. 7.30pm. mats Thurs. Sat.

ASSASSINS: Sondherm's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to kill Amencan Presidents.



Bewildering: Maria Aitken, star of Coward's Hay Fever

Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat,

CAROUSEL: Michael Hayden in Nicholas Hytner's large-scale production of the Rodgers & which Ran for over a year in the

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928-2252). Preview from Tues, 7.30pm; opens Dec 10, 7pm; then in rep. CYRANO DE BERGERAC Robert Lindsay in the title role as Rostand's long-nosed, long-distance lover. Directed by Elijah

Theatre Royal, Haymarket. Tues, 7.30pm; opens Dec 14, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats

Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. GRACE: Anna Massey and James Laurenson in new Doug Lucie serious comedy. Shall an klyliko corner of England be sold to US Evangelists? Hampstead Centre, NW3 (071-722-9224).

Previews from Thurs, 80m; 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. MAY FEVER: Maria Aithen and John Standing bewilder the weekend guests in Coward's excellent comedy. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Set, 3pm. LOST IN YONKERS: Teatle performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more

loopy aunt. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats

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Lipman gives good value as a

MAKING IT BETTER LIST, treachery and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Czechoslovakian exiles, Jane Asher heads an exceptional cast in mes Saunders's play. Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat,

STAGES: Haunting performance by Alan Bates as the washed-up artist in David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs. Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today 4pm and 8pm, Fri, 8pm; then in

THE TEMPEST: Four performances only of Ninagawa's thrilling theatrical expenence. A

magical storm scene. Performed in Japanese. Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638-8891). Thurs-Sat, 7.15pm (mat next Sat. 2pm).

TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS": Sarah Brightman and Michael Hordern head a terrific cast in Pinero's engaging comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian

Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867-1045), Previews from Tues, 7.30pm; opens Dec 7, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats

REGIONAL

GLASGOW: The Christman show here is Myles Rudge's version of *The Jungle Book*, based on the Kiping stories and directed by Giles Havergal Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Previews from Tues, 2pm;

opens Fri, 7pm; then Mon-Sat variously at 10am, 2pm and 7pm. MANCHESTER: Alan Gamer's compelling Elidor, a tale of a magic land just a twitch away from our own, brought to the stage; for seven

Contact, Oxford Road (061-274-4400). Opens Fri, 7.30pm Some performances sold out to schools but public perfs next Sat 2pm and 7.30pm. Dec 7 and 11. 7,30pm and daily from Dec 19.

SCARBOROUGH: Alan Ayckboum's children's show, My Very Own Story, gives the hero not just one lookalike, but two: and they all tangle in each other's

the Round (0723 370541). Previews Wed, 1.30pm and in repertory with Charles Thomas's Prince on a White

STRATEOND-UPON-AVON: Richard Johnson and Clare Higgins star in Antony and Cleopatra. Wed, 7,30pm), Lust, murder and madness trap Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry as the guilty pair in Middleton's The Changeling Attenborough (Swan, Mon-Wed) 7.30pm), And Richard McCabe plays Marlowe in Peter Whelan's The School of Night, taking a fresh look at the mysterious deaths in a Deptford tavem (TOP, Mon-Wed, 7.30pm).

suryat Stulkespeare/The Swan/The Other Place (0789 295623).

Visitors to Bordeaux might miss the wine but

Robin Young is left in no doubt when he visits

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FILM

BLADE RUNNER (15): The improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's Influential vision of a dark, helish L.A., infested with rebel androids. Harrison Ford, Rusger

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THE CRYING GAME (18): IRA gunman becomes obsessed with a hostage's girffriend, Bold. powerful Neil Jordan film that falters at the close Stars Stephen Rea. Miranda Richardsor Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2635) MISM Haywarket

(071-839 1527). HUSBANDS AND WIVES (15): Woody Allen's best film in years, a lacerating tale of collapsing New

MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) Minema (071-235 4225) 915683) Renoir (071-837 8402) Screen on Baker Street (071-THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

(12): Romance and adventure in the American colonies with frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis. Shallow version of the classic novel; director Michael Mann. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Fulham Road (071-(071-839 1527) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

OF MIKE AND MEN (PG): einbeck's classic Depression tale of friendship and innocence, John Lennie: director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple and moving. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocade (071-434 0031) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332).



Fun on the ward: Eric Stoltz plays in The Waterdance

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE (18) New room-mate proves to be a crackpot, Bridget Fonds, ennifer Jason Leigh; director Barbel Schroeder, Atmospheric if crude. MGM Chaisea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) UCI Whitnleys (071-

engaging Concertante in Moto

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7.30pm). The Sinfonietta's

o and a new commis

Leap frog: William Trevitt plays Jeremy Fisher in the ballet Tales of Beatrix Potter

CLASSICAL Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM HUDDERSHELD CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL: Tonight Luciano Berio conducts the BBC One danger's fight to defy the rules.

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SNEAKERS (12): Bright caper

comedy with Robert Redford

chasing lethal microchip. Phil

Fulham Road (071-370 2636)

STENCTLY BALLROOM (PG):

intoxicating debut by director

Baz Luhrmann, MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096)

MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington

Airlen Robinson directs.

THE WATERDANCE (15): Trouble and fun in a male humorous, leenly acted (Eric Stoltz. iam Forsythe, Wesley liminez, who directs with MGM Trocadero (071-434

Church, Cripplegate, Spirt; . tickets from the Barbican box office, or at the door 30 minutes before the performance); there is also nother instalment in the LSO's Sibelius cycle under Sir Colin Davis

(Barbican Hali, tomorrow, 7,30pm). Barbican, Sik Street, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Electric PCZ (071-638 8891). Phoenix and the New London VIERNA PHILHARMONIC probably his most popular composition; and the more recent *Ofanim*, a piece which lames Levine. In his first London concert for some 15 years, conducts one of the world's develops a complex relationship between live performance and indisputably great orchestras in a programme of Brahms, Schoenberg lectronics (Huddersfield Town and Debussy. Festival Hall, South Bank, Hall, 7.30pm). Tomorrow, in this ondon 5E1 (071-928 8800), Wed London Sinfonietta under Diego 7.30cm. Masson presents an appea wide-ranging programme th includes Simon Bainbridge's **OPERA** MADAMA BUTTERFLY: MISTE

of Butterfly, in which the from Colin Matthews (St Paul's Hall, Spanish producer achieved the combination of atmosphere and drama that has eluded her in her concert is repeated at the Queer Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday at ubsequent operatic work at Covent Garden, is restaged at the Royal Opera with Anthur Davies Music Festival, Tourist Information Pinkerton and Yoko Watenabe in the title role. Stan Edwards

Centre, Albion Street, Huddersfield (0484 430808). Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Mon, Thurs, TENDER IS THE MONTH: Tomorrow the Nordic festival celebrates "Sibelius day", with a

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THE BLACK CROWES: Though ailing to live up to comparisons with blues-based rock and rollers have a vibrancy all of their own. SW9 (071-326 1022), today and tomorrow, 6.30pm.

SHONEN KNIFE: This labenese all-girl band have the sugary tunes and cutesy sparide for classic pop confection. King Tuts, Glasgow (041-221 Edinburgh (031-557 3073). tomorrow, 8pm. Rive Newcastle (091-261 4386), Mon, 7.30pm. University, Liverpool (051-794 4116), Tues, 7.30pm. 55**3956),** Thurs, **8.30**pm. Junction, Cambridge (0223

410356), Fri, 7pm. THE SUNDAYS: After an soulful indie band are back with a haunting new album, Blind. Riverside, Newcastie (U91-251 4386), today, 7.30pm. Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031-668 2019), tomorrow, 7,30pm. Queen's Half, Bradford (0274 392712), Mon, 7.30pm. Wulfrum Hall, Wed, 7,30pm. University, Leicester (0533 556282), Thurs, 7.30pm, University, Fluil (0482 466264), Fri, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

CHICO FREEMAN: The fluent Chicago-born saxophonist arrives for a week-long residency. (071-439 0747), Mort-next Set, 8,30pm.

LONNE LISTON SMITH: Though he played with Roland Kirk and Art Blakey in the Socies and pianist is still best known for his exciting explorations into fusion erritory with his band Cosmic

Echoes. Casnden Centre, Bidborough eet, London WC1 (071-388 1394), Fri. 7.30om.

DAVID SANBORN: Another fusion fuelled player, this versattle saxophonist has turned his back on session work to explore mandigras based compositions on his latest album, Upfront. Town and Country Club, London NW5 (071-284 0303), Tues,

SALEROOMS MONDAY-FRIDAY: Success or

failure in the impressionist and modern fields is unfairly taken to

Indicate the health of the while art

market, so this week's sales will be scrutinised dosely. They begin with Old Minster to contemporary prints at Phillips, Monday 10.30am and 2.30pm; and a session of more afford modern art at Christie's South Kensington, Monday 2pm. The first major session of paintings is at Christie's King Street, Monday 7pm, where Cézanne's Baioneurs ha an estimate of up to £3.5m. On Kensington have second-ranking Impressionist and modern works, while at 7pm Sotheby's offer their prizes, notably a Kandinski issumateri at around 55m. Wednesday has a secondary session at Sotheby's, and prints at Christie's, both 11am. Thursday and Friday see print sessions at Sotheby's, 10am and 2pm each day, and on Thursday Christie's have contemporary art, 2.30pm. Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602), Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611). Christie's, 8 King Street, St James, London SW1 (071-839 9060).

Sotheby's, New Bond Street W1 (071-493 8080). WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: A wealth of European paramics and glass comes up at Phillips, 11am and 2pm each day. Phillips (as above).

EXHIBITIONS

SAMSUNG GALLERY OF KOREAN ART: The latest addition to the V & A's facilities is an imposing new gallery, sportsored by the Korean electronics company Samsung and providing a fitting showplace for the museum's extensive collection of Korean artefacts. This amounts now to more than 600 pieces, beginning in the fifth century and recently

augmented by purchases of contemporary Korean art, including a work by Lee Manbong. Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-589 6371), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2.30-5.50pm, Samsung Gallery opens Dec 2.

SEARDSLEY TO BOMMERICA further trawi through the permanen collection of the Tate has brought to the surface a remarkable group of rarely shown works on paper from the period 1870-1920, or the beginnings of the Aesthetic Movement to the first heyday of Modernism in Britain. Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Feb 14.

EUROPEANS IN CARICATURE: The British Museum has nearly 20,000 caricatures, mostly hand-coloured etchings, from the great age of caricature, 1770-1830. To reflect the less solemn side of the current European Arts Festival, 92 prime examples have been chosen showing how nations saw each other. British Museum, Great Russell

Street, London WC1 (071-636 1955), Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Jan 24, SICKERT: Though the artist's

early impressionist works have retained their lothy status, they have been increasingly joined of late by the once-despised work of his old age, based frequently on newspaper shothymaps. newspaper photographs or images from pop culture of the day. This large show gives ample

ERIC GILL: This show, the first to concentrate on Gill's important culptures, shows him to be a infliant stone-carver: Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 4141) Mon. Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5,45pm, Sun noon-6,45pm,

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until Feb 7. ATT AN RAMSAY- The portraitist was bolliant with characterful men, but had a special talent for depicting women es people not dothes-horses. ional Portract Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until

TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER: Hunca Munca, Peter Rabbit and Source! Nutkin take to the Covent Garden stage as Frederick Ashton's 1971 ballet film is edapted for live performance. The original designer Christine Edzard and mask-maker Rostislav Dobousinsky are recreating their sets costumes and masks for the production, the highlight of the company's Christmas season. The Tales of Beatrix Potter is being resented on a double-bill with The em, Ashton's delightful ion of Shakes Viidsummer Niight's Dream. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240) 1066), Fri, next Sat, 7.30pm. LONDON CONTEMPORARY

DANCE THEATRE: For the second week of its Sadier's Wells season, LCDT is presenting three works new to London this eason by three choreographers who have never worked with the company before. The Frankfurt-based Amenda Miller contributes My Father's Vertigo, Morris sets his lurical, playful Motorcade to music by Saint-Salens. Early in the week the popular and energetic Rikud is on offer but the biggest draw on Friday and next Saturday is likely to be Rooster, a ballet created by soundtrack of Rolling Stones songs. adler's Wells Theatre. 278 8916). Tues-next Sat.

7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.30pm. THE NUTCRACKER: Peter Wright's production — the finest version of Tchaikovsky's ballet to be found in Britain — returns to the Birmingham Hippodrome for a tivee week saason which runs until Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmincham (021-622 7486), Tuel-

next Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs,

CHRIST STOPPED AT EBOLI (Artificial Eye, PG): Francesco Rosl's writer Carlo Levi's political exile in a primitive mountain village. With . Gian Maria Volonte, 1979.

VIDEO

1900 (Fox Video, 18, two tapes): Bertolucci's wayward attempt to capture some 50 years of Italian enstocratic Robert De Niro and but set pieces ditter, 1977.

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Aiello's Ruby: the shadowy figure comes to life on film

RUBY (20:20 Vision, 15): Danny Aiello as the small-time gangster who shot Lee Harvey Oswald. A who shot tee Harvey Osward. A tame film compared to JFK, but characters are given room to breathe, and Aleilo brings the shadowy Ruby to tantalising life. Director, John Mackenzle. 1992.

WAYNE'S WORLD (CIC, PG): Suburban teenagers (Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, from America's Saturday Night Live) tangle with big-time television. Feeble, silly and hugely popular; a cultural artefact fit for a time capsule. Penelope Spheeris directs. 1992.

BOOKINGS

THE GAME OF LOVE AND CHANCE: Marivaux's classic comed is presented in a production by Cambridge Theatre Company and Gloria, newly adapted by Neil Bartlett who also co-directs with Mike Alfreds. Maggle Steed plays the embattled heroine Silvia and Marcello Magni plays Harlequin. The production is currently on tour and will reach the National early next year. Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223 352000), Nov 30-Dec 5. Festival Theatre, Malvem (0684 892277), Dec 7-12. National (Cottesloe), London, SE1 (071-928 2252), previews from Jan 6;

THE TURN OF THE SCREW: Britten's opera, based on Henry James's chilling novel, returns to the English National Opera repertoire. Jonathan Miller's production is revived by David Ritch. with Valerie Masterson as the Governess and Philip Langridge as Peter Quint (following his triumphant Peter Grimes). Colliseum, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-836 3161), Jan 25, 27, 30, Feb 2, 5.

Film: Geoff Brown. Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Classical Music, Opera; lan Brunskill; Rock, Jazz: Stephanie Osborne; Dance: Debra

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growers in Bordeaux and other regions until now the term "mise en bouteille au château" has become a sine qua non of quality assurance for really fine wines.

Worldly wise about wine after a Bordeaux trip

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Burying my own treasure, and unearthing it elsewhere

ever in the brief history of the spanner has that vital tool seen busier times. I doubt there is a single farmer hereabouts who has not pulled out his double ended friend and slackened the bolts on the plough to enable it to dig a little deeper. The reason is that cache of buried Roman treasure unearthed by a fortunate metal-detecting enthusiast just beneath the surface of a field not far from here. I felt very optimistic, being at somewhat of an advantage over my neighbours they are required to plough from the elevated seat of their tractors, while I trudge the furrows behind horses, and see more of the earth

But no luck so far. Quite the reverse. I seem to add regularly to the earth's stock of buried goodies. On the near-side handle of the plough is a slot into which the vital spanner fits, but it was made for a

EARMER'S OLARY, PAUL REINEY

wider spanner than the one I use, and so it does not take much of a bump to bounce it out of its home. As soon as it happens I call "Whooah" to the horses, but it takes a couple of yards for them to come to a halt. By then the spanner is

ploughed under, and no turning of the furrows with my bare hands will unearth it. I hate to think how many tools I have lost that way. Probably in centuries to come archaeologists will mark down our farm as the site of an ancient spanner factory.

But I have been ploughing other furrows this week, and have unearthed another treasure. It was accidentally dropped by Norman Lamont in his autumn budget statement, is worth millions and unreported. The jewel in question reads like this: An agri-environment programme was also agreed ... £30 million ... [to include] a new scheme to encourage organic farm-ing." Very few words, well

hidden, but for those who believe in natural and sustainable farming is is better news than the entire treasure of the Roman Empire. At long last there is official recognition of a method of farming which has been more accustomed to having agrochemical barons and ignorant politicians alike. It must be thrilling for those who have campaigned for years, suffered ridicule and risked their livelihoods for the simple belief that organic farming is better



farming. Now, at last, they find the good guys are on the winning side. Even better to find that the members of the National Trust are lear-The trust is the largest private landowner in the country (570,000 acres), and voted two-to-one recently to compensate its tenant farmers for any financial losses during the less productive period of conversion from intensive to organic farming.

ic movement's dream had come

But this is where our ploughing hit a rough patch. For although the members of the trust want their farms to be organic, the ruling council appears not to agree. It speaks of "no evidence" and "not possible for all farms". These, of ramblings: heritage arguments. Perhaps the trust should pop them on a tea-towel instead of trotting them out in real life. The organic movement has rolled forwards and left them standing.

But the National Trust is not the only body earning a niche in the organic hall of shame. Why don't the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, English Nature and all the other nature-protection bodies declare themselves in favour of organic farming? After all, it is the one thing that would advance all their aims. A thousand acres taken out of chemically intensive growing and kinder method of farming has to be better for wildlife. More immediately effective, perhaps, rhan a nationwide mail-shot inviting us to buy robin-emblazoned tea-towels which raise money to support officials who keep saying: "There is no evidence..." There is. They should ask the robins.

Perhaps it is time for members of these influential bodies to do a little ploughing of their own. When they send in Christmas orders for the Sissinghurst Soap or the Mono-grammed Heritage Luggage-Strap, they should attach a note fixed to the cheque so they can't bin it - asking whether the organisation supports organic farming. And if not, why not? It is called

Feather report

Counting crows

ON A normal country walk in England, you can expect to see five out of our seven native crows. The two with the most dramatic plumage are magpies and jays. Magpies have become very common in recent years - in London, they were practically unknown before the war, yet now you see them wherever there is a scrap of park.

They have also become an object of harred with some people, who suspect them of eating all the small birds living round them. In fact they mainly pick up vegetable matter and insects in the winter. regurgitating them and hiding them in holes in the ground. Even their attacks on eggs and nestlings in the spring have had no serious effect on the small bird population.

They like to sit high in a treetop, flicking their long tails. It is such a characteristic movement that sometimes if you look up at a tree you can detect the movement before you see the bird, like the Cheshire Cat's grin. They make a loud chatter, a note like an oar creaking in a rowlock.

Jays are heard before they are seen. Their raucous screeches are audible far away, and even when you get close you often see no more than a white rump slipping away between the rhododendrons. Sometimes, though, they sit quietly, allowing a good view, and you realise how beautiful they are: mostly pink, with wings of black. blue and white, a black moustache and a black tail. The turquoise blue on their wings seems quite a small patch when they are perched, but from above the whole wing looks

Carrion crows are common in town and country alike. They are completely black, although in Ireland and in Scotland west of a line from Glasgow to Aberdeen they are replaced by another race of crow, the hooded crows, which are grey on the back and beneath. Along that borderline the two interbreed. In autumn, a few booded crows also come in across the North Sea and winter along the east coast.

"How do you distinguish them from rooks?" people often ask. Sometimes it is difficult; but in fact there are several clear differences. The rook's cawing is higherpitched than the crow's, and altogether brisker and more conversational - as befits a bird that is generally found in flocks. The beak is narrower and sharper. Above all, a bare patch at the base of the beak which looks white at a distance is unmistakable evidence of a rook.

ROOKS gather to roost in enormous numbers, wheeling and diving for a long time at dusk above the wood they have chosen. But by Christmas they are spending the days sitting round their nests in the rookeries again, and by February

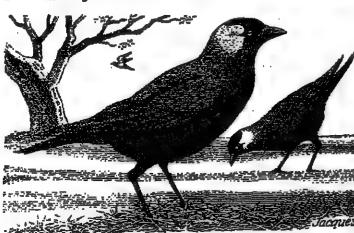
breeding has begun.

Jackdaws often feed with the rooks in the fields. They are small, strutting birds, mostly black, with a grey nape and a very pale, bleary-looking eye. Whereas the rooks dig into the earth for food, the jackdaws pick flies and other morsels off the surface. They too are great acrobats in the air.

That leaves the two crows of the solitudes: the raven and the chough. When the mountains are covered with snow, only climbers will see more of the ravens than a few tiny black shapes wheeling high over a clifftop. In summer, you may get closer, and take in their imposing size and blackness. As for the choughs, there are probably no more than 3,000 of them on the Atlantic sea-cliffs in Ireland and North Wales: relics of a once-substantial British population, as black as the other crows, but unmistakable as they run around on their red legs and peck at the turf with their curved red beaks.

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● What's about: Birders — look out for odcock in undisturi modecick in undistribut woodand.
Twitchers — ring-billed gull at Rocking-ham recreation ground, Uxbridge, west London; spotted sandpiper at High-bridge, Somerset, Details from Birdline. bridge, Somers 0898 700222



Acrobats: jackdaws pick flies and other morsels off the surface



Tou should never underestimate the British appetite for a bargain. Portley Hill is the proof. From the outside it looks exactly like what i once was a most uninviting council refuse depoi, a bleak, breeze-blocked blot on the landscape which squats in a lonely spot on the edge of the Cambridgeshire fens. A pitted gravel car-park does not add

Yet once a week for at least 51 weeks a year, from nine in the morning the Portley Hill depot at Littleport, near Ely, is a mecca for hundreds of ruthlessly competitive shoppers. This is where they faithfully trek, often from miles away, to save money. Nobody brings a shopping list. There isn't any point.

Inside, the depot is cavernous, cold and cluttered. Goods are piled drunkenly on clean trestle tables, heaped against walls, or stacked on the concrete floor.

By 9.30 the rutted car-park is full to bursting. By 10am it is easy to tell the experienced shoppers: small. silent, cigar-sucking men and jolly matrons rustling with outsized carrier bags and clanking with small change. They share an air of studied indifference, as if they were only here for a polystyrene cup of tea and a chat. Don't be fooled.

At 10.29, a hush descends. At 10.30 precisely, chartered surveyor Bill E Pepper, from the long-established East Anglian auctioneering and land agency firm of Cheffins, Grain and Comins, embarking on what he calls "the absolutely fun bit of my job", leaps on to a modest wooden podium and starts selling.

"And how much," he demands

Fast bidding for the household scraps

Jody Tresidder is amazed by the passions aroused at a weekly

auction of frozen chickens, lampshades and pyjamas

of the rapt crowd, "am I bid for Lot One, this 2lb bag of tomatoes?" This is the small, but thriving.

ubiquitous car-boot sale and a direct descendant of the traditional but endangered county town market, it is a boom business in the middle of - and undeniably in response to — the recession.

Anyone can bring virtually anything to sell, and they do. CG&C takes at most 20 per cent commission. With a minimum of fuss and only local advertising, these auctions shift scores of chickens, bicycles, spanner sets, new pyjamas, old wardrobes, cabbage plants. crockery, children's car seats, tomatoes, dahlias, deadly 1970s lampshades, fresh eggs, planks of wood ... all at breathtaking speed, and usually at

absurdly low prices.
"Townies", who might once have regarded such events as a rustic morning out among the quaint rural folk, are now relying on them to balance tightly squeezed budgets. Nigel Graham, from Saffron Walden in Essex, was made redun-

red poster states: "Danger. This is a

live firing area and is closed to the

public. Keep out." The natural

reaction is to stay in the lane and

give the barely visible footpath a miss. In fact, the sign refers to the land behind the notice, not to the

footpath alongside. This applies

Several starting places can be reached by car. One of the best is

Bratton camp, an Iron-Age hill fort just above the White Horse that

dominates both the village of

Bratton and the nearby town of

Westbury. From here, the views

across Wiltshire and Somerset are

wherever these notices occur.

dant from his sales job seven months ago. "That's why we're here," he says simply. "Times are world of the weekly country auchard, and if you're careful you can tion. As the forerunner of the make a hell of a saving. My wife Joelle and I can buy fruit and vegetables we might otherwise not afford. And it is much more exciting than going to the shops. Your heart really starts hammering

when you open the bidding." Auction shopping, it is true, is instantly addictive. Outbid your neighbour by a craftily judged 20 pence to secure a 6lb chicken for £2 - as I did — and you know plucking frozen thighs from the supermarket freezer will never be the same again.

almost wept when a child's rusty but reclaimable racing bike went — in a flash — for £3.50 to a gimlet-eyed grand-mother in a floral smock. You hesitate here at your peril.

The man standing next to me, a healthy six-footer in a lumberjack shirt who had just bought seven 14lb turkeys for around £6 a piece,

depot is stripped bare by noon. Someone has even bought the box of horrid lampshades. Tommy Housden, who at \$1 is one of the longest serving auction

porters in the country (he started in 1936), holds up the last remaining bunches of dahlias and ventures the opinion that "it's all got a lot more commercial these days".

"True," says auctioneer Bill Pepper. "We now get the dealers buying up the car-boot sales here. But the hard core of regulars come for a gossip, a bag of chips and a bargain. You'd be surprised how aggressively people can argue over

· Cheffins, Grain and Comins hold auctions at the Portley Hill depot, Etc Thursday. Further details, 0353

The 1992 edition of Town and Country Auctions by Eric Geen (AA publications, £4.99) gives full details of more than 500 auctions around

Military manoeuvres for nature lovers

or half a century the army's vast imber Range on Salisbury Plain has been bury Plain has been closed to the public, and more than 16,000 acres of magnificent countryside lost to walkers and nature-lovers. imber has become a secret place unless you know where to look.

Imber is one of the last great undeveloped areas in southern England, where it is still possible to explore and to feel lost and lonely in the great rolling downs that spread like oceans to either side. And, despite the restrictions, there are ways to penetrate the secrets of this often desolate place. For a few days each year - from December 18 to January 4, and on selected bank holidays throughout the year - the mads that cross the plain and pass through the deserted village of Imber are opened to the public, although even on these rare days access is confined to the metalled

The Imber Range is a region of poachers and gunfire; of army tanks and abundant wildlife; of descending paratroopers in their hundreds, and butterflies so numerous the visitor is seldom out of sight of several at any one time. There is plenty to see, even on days when the army is knocking seven oells out of the landscape.
Finding the half-hidden paths

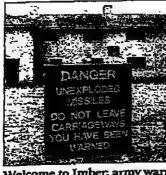
that lead to the plain is the problem, and a good map is

One of the army's best-kept secrets — the beauty of Salisbury

Plain — can be enjoyed with caution and a good map

essential (especially Pathlinder are set up everywhere warning of maps 1200, 1220 and 1221) if you what not to do. None explains in are to thread your way through the labyrinth of signs and warnings. Once found, these tiny roads can lead you to vantage points and to the 20-mile long perimeter path that circles the range. The path's frequent high points offer breath-taking panoramic views taking in most of the restricted area.

In fact you can, with care, see the Imber Ranges at almost any time without ever setting foot on the forbidden bits. But the army does not make the task easy. Strident notices of gunfire and explosives



simple terms what the explorer can, and is legally permitted to, enjoy. Only tiny finger signs point out the path-ways, and these often appear to conflict with the danger notices. A couple of miles outside Westbury on the A350, at the

village of Upton Scudamore, is a narrow turning on the left signposted to Halfway House Farm. This lane leads a few hundred yards to a stile marked Imber Range Footpath. Right alongside the stile and its tiny footpath sign, a large yellow and

Welcome to Imber: army warning notices deter walkers from enjoying the breathtaking landscape

sturning. The path leads off alongside a giant chalk quarry and follows the western edge of the plain to Warminster and Cradle Hill, famous for UFO sightings

and crop circles. Two more giant hills. Battlesbury and Scratchbury, are skirted. The path here is in places narrow and steep on its way to the isolated village of Chitterne

The next leg to Tilshead village, with a welcome pub and some shops, can be done either along the more recently cut C22 road or by means of the original path past the army's German village training ground. This is the most isolated and open area of the plain.

For those who cannot manage the whole 20 miles, the hike can easily be split into much more manageable sections. Make sure at all times to stick to the made-up roads. Never set out across open country, even on the few open days.

CANDY AND **DENNIS ATHERTON** Tourist information centres at War-inster (central car-park, 0985 minster (central carpark, 0985-218548) and Westbury (The Library, Edmard St, 0373-827158) carry com-prehensive lists of compsites, bed and breakfast, hotel, self-cavering and local farmhouse accommodation. They often also have maps and guides to the area. Carparis are detailed on the Imber Range Perimeter Path map (available from tourist information centres).

Flatroof problems solved

sighed Stephen Warby, from the

Cambridgeshire village of Christ-

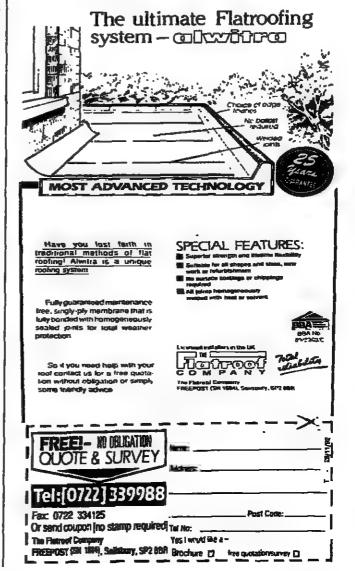
church. "Just a father of four. This

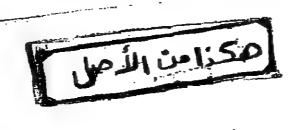
is to fill up the freezer. At 42p to 45p a lh," he added, "you're laughing." As he notched up an eighth neatly bagged carcass for his pile, one could only hope his children had a tarte for the suff

children had a taste for the stuff.

With lots dispatched at a rate of

roughly one every ten seconds, the





sound 36 and Salim Malik took three wickets for 37.
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Frances Bissell, The Times cook, says

soufflés are simple, sweet or savoury



which we all, almost certainly, have the ingredients in store cupboard or refrigerator — eggs. milk. flour and butter, and a little something to add in the way of flavour and texture: a piece of cheese, a spoonful of liqueur, a grated lemon and its juice. It takes no more than that to transform such basic ingredients into a fine, impressive dish. A souffle fits into any part of the meal, starter, main course, cheese course, pudding and even savoury.

Those last few drops in the bottles of "stickies" brought back from holiday make excellent flavourings, especially when paired with an appropriate fruit or other ingredient. Try, for example, Cointreau or Grand Marnier with grated orange zest, Calvados with grated apple, eau de vie de poire with thinly sliced pears, or the Italian almond liqueur Amaretto di Saronno with crushed amaretti or ratafia biscuits. The souffle is a good way of using up leftovers (with or without alcohol).

Soufflés are easy to make: among all the hints for souffle-making, that is the one to remember. Peter Kromberg, at the InterContinental at Hyde Park Corner, is the acknowledged expert on souffles. Not only does he make them for diners who order them à la carte in Le Soufflé restaurant, he also prepares them for banquets of 400 people and more. And each one comes out perfectly.

A few years ago, I spent a number of weeks in Mr Kromberg's kitchen, and when not cooking game dishes for the Coffee Shop, where I was guest cook, I was watching and learning how to make the perfect souffle. These are some of the tips I picked up. Many of them are counsels of perfection. We all know that egg whites whisk to more volume in a round copper

bowl, but we do not have kitchen assistants to clean our copper. I use an ordinary white pudding basin, which I find perfectly adequate. The basin and whichever whisk I am using, balloon whisk or rotary beater, will be scrupulously dean and grease-free, otherwise the whites will not whisk.

Souffles are not as difficult to dishes. The clue lies in the flavouring or filling. If I am making a smoked haddock soufflé, I choose a wine that goes with the fish, such as a California Chardonnay from the Sonoma Valley. A lemon soufflé needs not just a sweet wine but one with a degree of acidity, of which I find the sweet Loire wines of Vouvray, Coteaux du Layon and Anjou good examples. Useful soufflé-making tips:

I Use egg whites that are four to five days old for the best results. 2 Fold the whisked egg whites into the basic mixture while it is still warm, as this helps the souffle to

3 When filling the soufflé dish, do it carefully so that no drips hit the edge of the dish. This interferes with the rising action, "anchoring" the soufflé to the dish.

4 A soufflé dish can be prepared in different ways, according to the type of souffie. It should be well buttered and then dusted with grated Parmesan, preadcrumbs, pin-head oatmeal or sugar. depending on whether you are making a savoury souffle, a seafood one, a fairly hearty one, or a sweet souffle. This preparation also makes it easier to remove small soufflés from ramekins, if you want to serve them sitting in a pool of

5 The correct consistency of a souffle should be soft enough in the centre so that each serving from a large souffle will have some of the firmer outer portion, together with a little of the soft centre, which will be almost like a sauce. 6 The basic soufflé mix can be used

as a topping for pies and even soups that can be baked in the



Suppose with smaller

Opening the top of a soufflé at the table and pouring in a hot sauce has a spectacular effect, causing it to puff up in its dish, or souffler. With a spoon, gently prise apart the top crust, and immediately pour in the sauce just before serving.

Sauces can be as rich or as simple as you like. Fresh fruit purees are among the best to serve with sweet souffles. Lemon or lime marmalade, heated with or without rum or whisky, makes a good sauce for a citrus fruit souffié. Melted chocolate is excellent with a plain sweet vanilla soufflé.

The same uncooked sauces that go well with pasta can also be used with savoury souffles. Try fresh tomato and basil sauce, nothing but the shredded herb mixed with the peeled, seeded and diced tom-ato and a little seasoning with a cheese souffle. Or pour pesto, thinned down with a little offee oil or vegetable stock, into a Parmesan souffié. A simple mixture of melted butter, lemon juice and fresh mace is all a good seafood soufflé needs.

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salt. pepper 20z/60g butter

8 free-range eggs, 6 of them separated 2202/70g sifted flour 30x/85g grated cheese Prepare the soufflé dish or dishes as described. Put three-quarters of the milk in a saucepan with the seasoning and butter. Bring to the

boil. Beat the whole eggs with the six egg yolks, the flour and the remaining milk, and stir slowly into the boiling milk over a low heat. Stir communusly until the mixture thickens but does not curdle. Remove from the heat. Stir in the cheese and then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into the souffle dish, and bake for 12 to 22 minutes, depending on the size of the dish, in a preheated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6. If you are using shellfish in the souffle, leave

Savoury southé variations One of the most famous souffles

must surely be the spinach soufflé with anchovy sauce, served at Langan's Brasserie in London. It has been on the menu since Richard Shepherd joined some six months after the restaurant opened in 1976. Some of Mr Kromberg's specialities include an artichoke souffle baked in its shell with a warm mustard vinaigrette, an ambergine souffle with a red peoper and mint sauce, and a celery, pear and walnut souffié with a port and Stilton sauce, which sounds a very agreeable combination. Strongly flavoured cheeses produce very good souffies. Michel Bourdin of the Connaught Hotel in London serves individual Stilton souffies baked in pastry cases.

I feel much the same way about soufflés as I do about omelettes when it comes to deciding what to put in them. Rather than scraps of cooked meat. I much prefer to use fish, cheese or vegetables, sometimes alone, sometimes in combination. I would make an

exception for julcy, cooked ham, and perhaps serve it with a leek sauce. Undyed smoked haddock is probably my favourite filling for a souffie, but I like mussels, too, or prawns with a dill sauce poured in the middle, And, although it sounds unlikely, potatoes are just as good in a souffle as they are in an omelette; add diced, cooked, firm waxy salad potatoes and some well-fiavoured, fainly hard goat's cheese, such as Mendip, to the basic savoury souffle mix before folding

in the egg whites. Serve the souther with a fresh tomato sauce. (serves 6-8) Ipt/570ml milk loz/30g butter 10 free-range eggs, separate plus 2 extra egg yolks

> Put three-quarters of the milk and the butter in a saucepan, and bring to the boil. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar for a minute or two. Mix the

5oz/140g caster sugar

30z/85g sifted flour

paste, and whisk it into the egg yolks until well mixed. Stir the mixture into the boiling milk and butter, over a low heat, whisking all the time until the mixture thickens but does not curdle. Fold in the egg whites, whisked to stiff peaks, spoon into prepared souffie dishes, or dish, and bake as above.

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I have one version of a Christmas souffle, and Peter Kromberg has another. Both might come into the category of leftovers, but extremely well-disguised. The cher's version is to soak 602/170g crumbled Christmas pudding in a measure of num, warm it through, add a little mixed spice, and add it to the basic sweet souffie mixture before folding in the egg whites. Bake it in one large, buttered and sugared southe dish for 35 minutes in a moderate oven at 170C/325F, gas mark 3. My version is to stir a few tablespoons of luxury mincement into the basic sweet soufflé mixture before folding

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Tread carefully in Champagne MERTAINING. AT HOME

Mean wine is damaging the

marque, says

Jane MacQuitty

wn-label bubbly in the past decade has rarely shone. But this year's crop of cheap fizz includes, without doubt, some of the most miserable champagnes I have ever come across. Only a quarter of the champagnes I tasted blind were worthy of the name, and the worst had that bitter, mean, mothball-like character of bleached, thirdpressing wines. Once again, the word "champagne" on a bottle is no guarantee of quality. None of us should be seduced either into thinking we are drinking the greatest bottles of sparkling wine in the

In France, cheap champagne drinkers are worse off than we are. As Christian Bizot from Bollinger pointed out recently, the best quality champagnes have always come to Britain, and the French are now better off buying a superi-or sparkling wine than cheap champagne. Proving the point is Carrefour, the French supermarket chain, with its astonishingly low anniversary champagne price this month, just FFr40 a bottle (about £5). With rock bottom quality

and prices to match, it is a relief to learn that the Champenois are finally doing something about it Several champagne houses, most notably Bollinger with its Charter of Quality, are establishing their own superior code of practice. More important still are the industry's new, stricter controls, following on from those

introduced in 1987. The most worthwhile of



Box of bubbly-to-be: but the word "champagne" on a bottle is no guarantee of quality

these is the limiting of cham-pagne production, from 150kg of grapes to each hectolitre of juice from the presses, to 160kg. This does away with the notorious third pressing, whose dark col-oured, skin-and-pip tainted wines were never "knowingly" used by any important champagne producer - although they plainly must have been. There is also the added insur-ance that the 50 litres of lees and juice solids left over must now be destroyed, or distilled by all wine makers in the region, and not just bigger producers, besides a lower yield for all. Together the new measures will reduce the champagne harvest by 10 per cent. In addition, a proportion of the bumper 1992 champagne crop will be set aside as reserve wines, as in previous bountiful years, only to be made into champagne at a later date to boost a future vintage that falls short.

competition elsewhere in the world getting better by the minute, and often now as good as the Champenois' wine (particularly in the Antipodes and California), champagne is clearly at a crossroads in its development. Removing the third pressing is a good first step, as M Bizot puts it. It must, though, be followed by

hampagne's problems and the loss of its magic and quality stem from excessive demand in the eighties. M Bizot is the first Champenois I have heard who is prepared to admit publicly that things went awry: "I took the decision to sell wine too young," he says. "Neither I nor my successors will take that risk again." Champagne's soaring sales in the eighties resulted in much corner and cost-cutting; four bumper years in a row followed, from 1989 to 1992, together with a world recession, which of

course meant that supply exceeded demand. There is now a lot of cheap, mean champagne which no one can sell. Before you start feeling sorry for the Champenois, it is worth remembering that boom and bust has always been part of champagne history. British sales fell by a third, from 23 million bottles in 1989 to 14 million in 1991, because of high prices, poor wine and the recession. This was not healthy, but then neither is the increase in champagne hectar-age since the war, from gala mari 12,000 hectares to 30,000 today. No wonder about half of all champagne sold here is

priced at less than £10 a bottle. The good news at the prem-ium end of the champagne sector is that big names such as Bollinger, Krug and Roederer are likely to remain at the same price next year.

Champagne is still, just, the Rolls-Royce of sparkling wines; whether it remains so is up to the producers.

Paul d'Hurville, The Victoria Wine Company, £8.99 until

December 3, when it goes up to £9.99 This winter's best cheap champagne buy is a clever pinot meunier-dominated blend with one third each of pinot noir and chardonnay in add flavour and finesse. Fresh, clean, wany-bisculty flavours. Sainsbury's Extra Dry Champagne, Duvol Leroy, Sainsbury's

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man who loves tuna for lunch opened a takeaway kiosk in Piccadilly Tube stafion to spread the cost of buying it fresh from Billings-gate fish market. Six months on, Mr Masaki Ko is doing brisk trade. He sells plastic boxes full of brightly coloured rice and raw fish and plans to challenge McDonald's as a culinary superpower. The food is inexpensive and fun.

Mr Ko is one of a growing band of Japanese entrepre-neurs newly catering to the hard-up. The good old eight-ies, when we all ate too much and paid too much, are gone. Even Japanese expense accounts have been slashed.

There are more than 70 Japanese restaurants in Britain, serving tempura (chunks of food fried in batter), teriyaki (masts), sashimi (slices of raw fish), shabu-shabu (like a fondu but using boiling water instead of cheese), and puddings such as green-tea ice-cream. Virtually all are in London, where almost half the 48,203 Japanese registered

In addition to the sushi bars, there are other specialised haunts, such as noodle shops. These include the popular and inexpensive Wagamama in Streatham Street, central

Open since April, this looks like an upmarket canteen, with rows of wooden tables and a bright, white, spotlessly clean look about it. The look says: we care about the environment, about food, about you. This appeals greatly to the students and young trendy types who pack it out.

Wagamama's management says Japanese restaurateurs have ignored the natives in favour of Japanese businessmen on expense accounts. They favour low prices, high turnover and a mass market. Straightforward and umpretentious, Wagamama looks the sort of place in which its

customers regularly eat. On the other hand, the traditional ramen, or Chinesestyle noodle bar - the Japa- pare it.



Full of eastern promise: Wagamama is bright, clean and cheap, making it a popular place for everyday eating

nese answer to the fish and chip shop — accommodates a dozen people sitting up at the counter and shurping. Wagamama may not be entirely authentic — it uses chicken incread of park because it is instead of pork because it is healthier - but at least the British want to eat there. Cultural adaptation also means the cuisine develops. As Chinatown shows, it is easy for expatriate cooking to become

fixed in aspic. Besides, you can't recreate Japanese restaurants exactly, says Narithito Matsunaga, the manager of Karnon in Shaft-esbury Avenue, which sells a little bit of everything at mod-est prices. British restaurants don't have tatami floors to make them homely, or paper

windowpanes. Nor does Kamon alter its menu to suit the seasons, as some restaurants in Japan do. because, says Mr Matsunaga sadly, you hardly see them change here. You are also unlikely to find fugi or blowfish on many menus. The blowfish liver contains a poison causing instant death, and only a licensed chef can pre-

As well as the Japanese themselves, leading supermarkets are beginning to cash in. Marks & Spencer plans to introduce salmon terryake later this year. Sainsbury's already imports 15 products, including green tea, seaweed and soups, for homesick fac-

tory workers.

Many chefs in Britain have been influenced by Japanese cuisine. The look of nouvelle cuisine was strongly inspired by Japanese dishes, and tastes and techniques have also made their mark.

Raymond Blanc of Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons says: Take my gelée of salmon and caviare, for instance, The courgettes are marinated in sweet vinegar. And the salmon is raw. I don't tell my

customers that. It's a secret."

He loves the lightness, the texture and the taste - "It needs the purest and most noble ingredients" — and believes Japanese food will eventually take off here, as it has in America, because it is so has it will be the solution of healthy. "There is bouillon, lots of raw fish, lots of carbohydrates such as rice, and hardly any sauce, just a tiny bit of

mustard or purée of bean." The Coronary Prevention Group would like people to adopt a Japanese style diet of fish, vegetables and rice, though without the salt, which

makes a stroke more likely. We cannot really say Japa-nese food has arrived until cooks at home throughout the country are rolling up rice in

prawn. Still, a few years ago Chinese cooking was considered as inscrutable as its chefs. Now everyone has a rusty wok. Japanese food would be a boon to the tired worker. For provided you avoid the intricate, highly elaborate haute cuisine dishes, delicious recipes could hardly be simpler.

THE nut — the name for any seed or fruit consisting of a soft, edible kernel and a tough, woody shell — is hard to classify. I have found it defined as a fat and as a protein; on the Continent it is categorised as dried fruit But there is no disputing that nuts are a rich source of

vegetable protein. A nutritional survey of 34,000 Americans pub-lished this year shows that those who are a handful of nuts five times a week halved the risk of heart attacks, compared with those who are them once a week. So are nuts really a preventive

According to the nutrition expert Dr Alan Stewart: There seem to be health benefits attached to tree nuts (as opposed to ground nuts, known as peanuts). These are rich in vitamin E and other nutrients, and may help cardiovascular disease

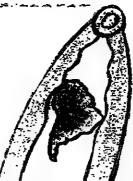
On the whole, Dr Stewart values nuts, "although some snack varieties are ruined by excess salt and monosodium glutamate; the less messed around they are, the better. Ideally eat nuts raw and mixed, because each variety carries different amino acids that complement each other." They may be less tasty, but nuts are twice as nourishing raw as when roasted.

Although nuts have a relatively high fat content, it is fat of the less harmful, unsatur-ated kind; they also contain many goodies such as vitamins, iron, calcium and essential amino acids.

But Margie Finchell, a colon therapist, says people often eat many more than they need. "I find people who eat a lot of nuts have dogged up systems and are FOOD SPY

Annie Rankin shells out for

nuts, one of the world's staples



food nuts are prepared by roasting raw nuts after coat-ing them in a saturated fat so adding greasy insult to oily injury. They are then heavily salted. In they are neither especially

healthy nor easily digestible. Some dietitians say nuts should be eaten straight from the shell. Not only are they cheaper, but the sheer effort of cracking them open curtails our consumption of a very rich food. Moreover, they are unlikely to have oxidised through contact

with the air. The shell is an ideal air-tight, cool dry place, and open nuts should be stored somewhere similar, "A nut in its shell can last a couple of years," says Brian Newsom, chairman of the Combined Edible Nuts Trade Associ-

ation. "Those on the shelves this Christmas will mainly have been harvested in August or September 1991; so they should last another six

months in their shells." The poor peanut, which strictly speaking is a legume, is also cited as the most likely to cause allergy. Although this is rare, it has caused some deaths and, Dr Stewart believes, anyone who has an adverse reaction (a swelling of the mouth or lips) should take it seriously. However, the peanut is top of the league in protein terms, with a quarter of its weight being protein, which makes it comparable to beef.

OTHER high scorers for protein are almonds and cashews, at just over 20 per cent. The almond is particu-larly favoured because of its lower fat content and because of the high biological value of its protein. Macademias, pecans and pistachios, on the other hand, have less than 10 per cent protein. But the real oddball is the chestnut, which is almost 50 per cent water and supplies only 2 per cent protein.

Those who want to do their bit for the rainforests should be sure to buy nuts from small co-operatives in the exporting countries, such as Africa or Latin America, rather than the big "exploit-ative" producers. This could help dissuade locals from cutting down their trees.

In our greed in Britain we may chew more nuts than we can digest, but they remain a valuable source of energy. Around the world, says Dr Stewart, nuts have saved the lives of many people in poor countries. Hats off to the

Immaculate direction

ENTERTAINING AT HOME

Derek Nimmo

'hen we entertain in the country it's very casual. My wife puts the food out on a long dresser, everyone helps themselves and we sit down and eat at our big pine kitchen table. Last weekend we had beef with peppercorns in it and a mustard sauce. There were ten of us. I find the important thing is not to have too many actors, never more than a brace; one should always mix people up. Afterwards we sit by great big, roaring log fires, no ties, and it's just pleasant.

London entertaining is much more formal. It's essential to have your placement arranged and, to this end, I have a magnetic board on which I juggle the pieces until get them exactly right. I like things to run smoothly and happily. I never leave things to chance. People like being pampered, I think. There's nothing worse than coming into a dining-room and some one saying, "You sit there... No, hang on, I got that wrong, no, you're married to..." You feel unsettled before you even sit down. Then you suddenly find you've got three women sitting next to each other and you're in a total mess.

So my placement board is very important. At a recent dinner party we had an Omani friend of mine who has the best cellar in Muscat of anyone I know. His great hero when he was a student in London was Laurence Olivier. so to match with him I had Tarquin Olivier (his son) along with his wife, who is Turkish and knows the Oman well. Then we had Geoffrey Palmer and his wife, Sally, and we chose them because Tarquin had seconded, and I had proposed. Geoffrey for the Garrick Club. I do think it's 80 important to get all this sort of thing right

As people arrive, one of the staff opens the door and guests usually get a look at the placement board before they come upstairs to the drawingroom, where we gather for drinks. The first duty of the host is to make sure that nobody talks over drinks to the



Derek Nimmo: "I never leave things to chance"

person they will be sitting next to at dinner. If that happens, you have to shunt them off We either have ten or 12

people and my wife always does the cooking. She's a wonderful, marvellous cook, and I wouldn't want anybody to do it apart from her. But we do get people in to help. One works in the kitchen and two at table. We usually start with cham-

agne, followed by white wine with the first course, water in a large glass, red wine with the main course in a decanter, pudding wine in another decanter, then port, cognac and cigars for the men while the ladies dear off on their own never quite sure where they go, into the bedrooms I think.

Later, we all meet up again in another drawing-room, where everyone catches up with the people they haven't talked to during the evening. By about half-past two they all go home. I do think people like a dinner party to be as immaculate as you can make it.

My main contribution to dinner parties is choosing the wine. I also do the flowers. I find it hugely therapeutic. We always have candles, of course. Candles are lovely. As all our lights and lamps are on diramers, we can vary the mood. This theatricality is all part of a dinner party.

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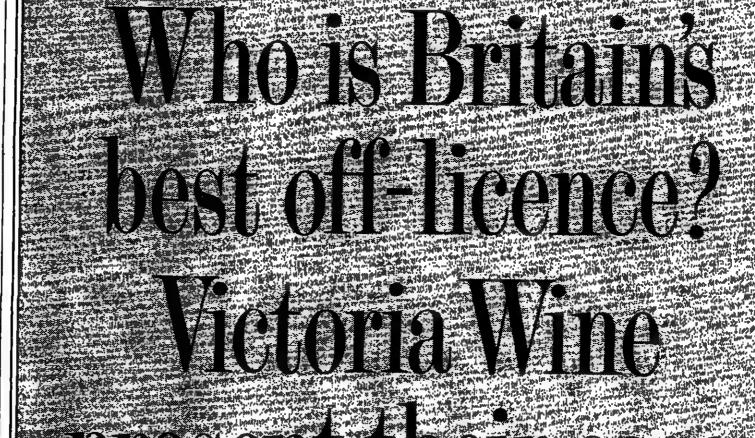
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Soften shallots in three quarters of an ounce of butter. Add curry paste and cook for 4-5 minutes. Add the rest of the butter and the flour and pour on the stock. Bring to the boil. add lemon rind and bay leaf, simmer 20 minutes, strain and return to a rinsed pan to reduce if necessary. Then add arrowroot slaked with a tablespoon of cold water, and reboil. Strain again, cool, then chill. Serve with a spoonful of the following cream in each

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High-flying lessons on the small-time trapeze

clown cailed Peanut once told me, "Circus is like life and life is like a circus. Circus is a way for each individual to carve out a new role for themselves. Ever wanted to fly? The trapeze is all rigged up. Ever wanted to play the fool, to laugh and cry in public? The red nose is in the dressing room."

While the animal-centred Billy Smart type of circus has fallen victim to the politically correct nineties, a more participatory type of circus has flourished. This "new circus" harks back to the roots of the art in being based on the skills of the performers, and is far removed from the razzle-dazzle of the big top.

New circus has no ringmasters in top hats cracking whips, or caged tigers and plumed horses waiting m the slips. Shows are small-scale and imaginative, often involving the local community, and embrac-ing people of all ages and aptitudes. Many clubs and workshop groups around the country have

sprung up to meet an increasing demand for learning circus skills, and circus training is being made more accessible to young people through such ventures as The Circus Space in London, Fool Time in Bristol, Skylight in the North In Yorkshire. Activities vary according to resources, but each school has highly qualified teachers who instruct, coax and reassure their charges while they conquer new dimensions. The common denominator, however, is that children have a good time and want to come back for more.

At The Circus Space one Friday evening, 24 under-11s are warming up on exercise mats. The activities in store are flying on the trapeze, trampolining and tumbling. Before long the wooden studio, with its sagging rafters, is vibrating with the thud of little

feet as they back-flip, somerand around the room. A huddle of children shivers with excitement at the base of the ladder leading to the 20st trapeze. With coaxing from Jeff Davis, the coach, even the smallest will fly 15ft through the air, attached by a harness. Parents on the sidelines

A new type of circus is teaching acrobatic skills and confidence, Xa Younger reports

wait in anticipation for their little one to do the "big turn". Penny Wiles, whose second son

Nathan attends the circus school; extols its merits. She believes it can help the "second-son syndrome", as he can find his own metier in a non-competitive forum. Children can quickly pick up skills such as juggling and tumbling, and move on to the next level in an escalating process of achievement and goalgetting. Nathan says breathlessly. between cartwheels: "I love it here. trapeze flying is even better than my Super Nintendo.'

Peanut, alias Peter Turner, who is the originator of Leeds Children's Circus, is not alone in believing that the benefits of learning circus skills should not be underestimated. Activities such as tightrope walking and globe-rolling aid balance, while juggling improves concentra-tion and hand/eye co-ordination.

Noreen White, who runs Skylight Circus in Rochdale, says balance, timing and reflexes improve, and confidence and selfesteem are enhanced. "Children are even given a new dimension for self-expression," she says: Learning the circus skills is also

pure fun, according to Petrea Owens, who runs a workshop in Riverside. Studios in London's Hammersmith. "Watching the kids learn skills like unicycling and stilt-walking is like watching flowers grow and blossom. I have seen a very nervous child, who could do very little when he arrived master the basic skills and go on to much more challenging things."

In December The Circus Space along with many other circus

schools up and down the country, is opening its doors to provide cabaret entertainment. Adults and children take part in this blend of theatre,

many youngsters, it will be their first opportunity to use stage skills and explore their "stage presence".

The deputy head of a north London school believes that circus skills promote motivation and interaction". In the past he has seen

pupils to The Circus Space, and

says he would do so again if

funding was available The Circus Space is keen to expand its premises to keep up with the demand. If all goes well, in 1994 it will expand into a former power station in Hackney. Charlie Holland, the general manager, believes that it will provide a much needed base for the circus arts to be developed on a par with cheus

schools in Europe. Contemporary circus training provides children with a range of skills that can be applied to a much wider spectrum. Also the circus and joining the circus. And why not? For these children it is no longer beyond the bounds of

Where to join the new circus

☐ The Circus Space United House, 39-41 North Road, London N7 9DP (071-700 2094). Charlie Holland. Thurs. 4.30-6pm, 6-11 years (juggling, numbling, static trapeze); Fri. 4.30-6pm, 6-11 years (trampoline tumbling, flying trapeze); 6-8pm.
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Britannia Rd, Kingswood, Bristol BS 15 2DA (0272 478788), Jacqui Gee. Outreach workshops only for children (will travel to schools, youth clubs, drama groups, etc). Prices

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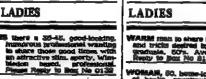
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Revelry, Hogarth style: a decadent scene in the dining-room and (right) Dennis Severs surveys the Jervis's kitchen, domain of the mischievous Rebecca; meanwhile the house is suffused with the aromas of baking bread and roast mean

Magical history tour

Hogarth and Beatrix Potter, the spirits of Christmas Past, all under one roof? Why by stepping back in time: not through a looking-glass or the back of a wardrobe but through the entrance of No. 18 Folgate Street.

Down a shabby street in Spitalfields, to the east of London's Square Mile, the audience of an extraordinary drama shivers in the dark. Here in Folgate Street, someimes known as Tweet Street due to the caged canaries hanging from its sills, the scene is set for an unusual evening. At the appointed tme a ghost peers down from an upper window, then the front door cieaks open.

There stands Dennis Severs, a self-professed crackpot who will mastermind the next three hours ir side his house. He leads you to a dank cellar, abandons you in the gloom, then bullies you into submission. "Anyone who thinks they can turn up and use their intellect haview my house is not welcome. If you haven't the imagination to leave behind the 20th century and come on this journey, you'd better sto wasting my time!" All eight guests are sitting to attention.

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been variously defined as time travel, a social-historical experience, and a voyage of the imagination. He describes it as the longestrunning play in London after The Mousetrap - publicised only by word of mouth. Whatever it might be, three nights a week for the past 14 years, groups of about eight

have been captivated. The plot follows the fluctuating fortunes of the Jervis family through the generations. They were silk weavers, originally Huguenot refugees, who settled, or so we are told, in this Georgian house at the start of the 18th century.

The aim of the show is to "contact part of us which is not normally touched"; to bypass our busy minds, and let us feel how life was in the 18th and 19th centuries. Mr Severs hopes to inspire us to view the past in a new light, rather than approaching it from a modern, analytical standpoint. Buzz words such as "back-to-front", seeing the world "from inside-out", and understanding "the spirit of the age" pepper the script.

Each room is like a still-life painting which comes alive. Fires roar in every grate: lavender is strewn along the skirting boards. There are the tea-leaves used to gather the dust and bring out the Tours of Mr Severs's house have colours of the carpet, and here the

canaries once so symbolic of the Huguenot silk trade that the weavers were known as canarybirds. Everywhere, candles illuminate authentic knick-knacks of the day: clay pipes, quills, wig powder and a nit-scratcher.

As well as taking up the narrative from Mr Severs, a taped recording provides a medley of period sounds: from the cries of street-hawkers and horses' hooves on the cobbles, to the bustle and banter of the Jervises in

The atmosphere is electric (the only thing in the house that is), and the sense of excitement highly contagious. Through portraits, visual and verbal, and through our study of their surroundings, the Jervises slowly take shape. We can hear, smell, even feel the family surrounders. presence as we are ushered from room to room. Half-eaten scones lie abandoned, cups of tea steaming. snuffed-out candles still smoking.

The narrative is devised first to strike our minds, then to stir our enemy of art," Mr Severs claims. "In northern Europe our interest in things is more intellectual than

The house is suffused with evocative aromas: baking bread, roast meat, hot punch, the sweet scent of tobacco. By the time we pass the tiered sweetmeats' stand of marzipans and sugared almonds, my

tongue is almost hanging out. Mr Severs works his magic with colourful descriptions. We are en-chanted to hear how Rebecca the cook makes a quick farthing by selling the family tea through the kitchen window, secreted in a hollowed-out loaf. We are also bombarded with etymology - a pot-pourti of accurate, dodgy, and downright spurious details — cunningly balanced to intrigue and flatter. "Cheerio," we learn became a parting cry because footmen used to call "Chairs Hol", to hall sedan chairs to take guests home.

Were we to take it all literally (which we clearly are not meant to), we would believe every colloquialism in the book derived from the East End. "You are not here to learn anything." Mr Severs insists. Nursery rhymes are dubiously deciphered, and random contemporary references are tossed in to confuse us: Saddam Hussein is included. we lean from monco ca bras to Michael Jackson and Rick Astley in a baffling non sequitur.

Mr Severs has various devices to heighten our awareness. At one point, my concentration slips, and I spy a slip of paper pinned to an armchair which reads: "Pay attention." This man has a reputation for throwing out those who treat his

home as a museum.

As the family falls on hard times, we find ourselves in a cheerless Dickensian world. The attic air is thick and acrid, we can almost taste the Victorian smog — or could, if our teeth weren't chattering so much. A chilly draft is nipping at our ankles, and we truly appreciate how grim it must have been to share one bed with the entire family. Is that Mrs Jervis in the coronation photograph and what are Bill Sykes and Nancy doing here? Thankfully, I've stopped try-

ing to sift fact from fiction. o we are relieved to enter the cosy Victorian parlour. Here, the young queen's grief at losing Albert is almost as palpable as Miss Jervis's fear of Jack the Ripper. I feel a sympathy for the Victorians never previously known: their tasteless clutter and sentimentality seem more understandable as a rejection of the Age of Reason and the soulless good taste of the Georgians.

Throughout the unfolding drama. Mr Severs's performance is spellbinding, his stage-manage-ment slick and professional. Without such energy and passion, the show could not go on. So it might be churlish to wonder whether he's supremely dedicated (he actually lives here with not a mod-con in

sight), or merely obsessed. We stagger out, punch-drunk and disoriented, my friend remarking: "I've never experienced anything like that before!" We agree that we were wholly absorbed. Mr Severs may have claimed we were not there to learn, but we did - not through the barrage of trivia, but through glimpses of ordinary lives.

Above all, we felt and responded to the past by coming at it from behind. We even approached the present from the past, "back-tofront" as Mr Severs promised; so we saw the 20th century from a refreshingly novel angle.

Indeed, so far from the 20th century were we transported, that we could not remember where we'd parked. For those with an ounce of curiosity and a spare £25, I recommend a trip to Folgate Street. Don't go without a warm coat, a full belly, and an open mind. But do go. ● 18 Folgate Street (071-247 4013)



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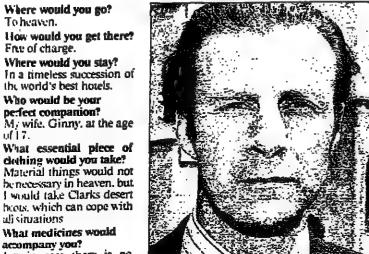
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smith district. Which newspapers or journals would you read? The local heavenly rag in order to check on new arrivals, the daily newspaper to remind me of all the nastiness down below. What three things would

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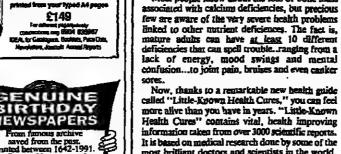
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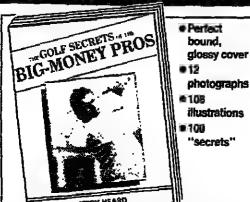
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durive is of less use than spats to a Mis World contestant. But in the Wet it has become. like no other sinle skill, the line that separates themen and the women from the box and the girls.

he test opens the door to anther world. This world is partly re: but mostly peopled by adoles-

he reality is that driving makes lifemore convenient. It is easier to dre a car to the top of Ben Nevis tha to walk. A car is warm and dr A bus stop is cold and wet; and coler and wetter after the last bus. Wh a car and a Saturday job you ned never again be dependent on peple 30 years older who are taing revenge for no longer being

luge areas of human experience as barred to non-drivers. They can nier form part of a convoy of trcks, drunk on diesel smoke, rling across the Continent. They cinot become taxi-drivers or traveing Xerox salesmen.

These practical reasons are all vry well, but in fact it is almost aways cheaper and faster to call a cb or to take the train. Cars are epensive to buy, to maintain, to tx, to insure and to fuel. The road i a frustrating and dangerous sace to earn a living. The kerbs are ttered with psychopaths with eavers in their holdalls, and the ther drivers are asleep or insane. ou can drive as far as you like, but Il roads look much the same. They

The real reason for passing the est is romance. The driving licence s less a passport to growing up han a passport to the dream of growing up. In an ideal world we would never pass our driving tests. We would keep believing for ever that one day we would have a ticket to true freedom.

re black with white lines.

A glance at the faces in a traffic jam is enough proof that driving has nothing to do with freedom. Advertisements try to persuade us James Hepburn on the pain of having plenty of driving ambition but little skill when it came

to the test

ma classic, the Drifter chocolate bar commercial, in which the hip couple in the Volkswagen Beetle break off on to the desert road to the sound of "Driftaway", to the later television versions where your brand of car, for some reason never fully explained, allows you to escape from the traffic and cross the jammed city, using a succession of cranes, alleyways and disused rail-

f course, no one is fooled by this vision of freedom at the wheel. No one but the 17-year-old without a licence. No one but the boy whose girl is in the passenger seat of another man's Escort.

At 17 I was in love with Janet Addis-Jones. Janet's double-barrelled named was nowhere in Debrett's. It was an accident of an unhappy childhood; but in beauty and bloody-mindedness she had all the qualities of the genetically siphoned. She was at boardingschool five miles down the road. I held on to her while the sun shone. But I knew the rain

would come, and with it two boys from Camberley called Marcus and Steve. They had cars and them. Cars could drive her to the coast at night. She talked of the light from the dashboard

with stars in her huge brown eyes. I needed wheels The one thing for which no

driving instruction can prepare you is the absolute absence of humanity in the test. The examiners emerge one by one into the waiting-room, dipboard in hand. They pause in the doorway, look down at the clipboard, and say a name. The voice has been carefully bled of all



emotion. My examiner was the last appear. His voice said "Mr Hepburn", but his hang-man's face said: "Welcome to the crypt; my name is Doctor Phibes.

Driving examiners are not allowed to chat. They follow a

The one that dispirited me the most was 'failure to make proper use of steering wheel'

> script. Possibly they have happy private lives. But they leave the human being behind at the gates of the Sutherland Grove Test Centre. They become less but in a sense more than men. It would be wrong to compare them to God, though God too has power over life and death. They are closer to the Fates - blind, incorruptible and terrible. There are 1,500 of them. Between them they carry out nearly two

nothing special in your test and nothing special in you. You are one more chip of gravel on their path from cradle to grave.

The driving test is the only examination many of us endure where we are watched in minute detail as we put theory into practice.

you are judged on what emerges at the end of three hours. You can spend two and a half hours writing "the battle of Hastings took place in 74BC", but if your final version says "1066" you pass. The closest we come in life's other Rites of Passage is the first attempt at sex;

In an O or an A-level

but then the person marking us tends to be as undressed and incompetent as ourselves. There is no silent man sitting on the arm of the sofa making marks on his

A large number of motoring problems are covered in The Highway Code, but there is no mention of control of the heater. It was a very cold day. The heater was turned to full, directed at feet instead of windscreen. The examiner asked me to start and drive forwards. I stalled. They warn you about the first stall. The first stall does not matter. But the examiner still makes a mark on his dipboard. So I began to sweat. As we drove along the air, super-saturated in the

Epsom Road, the outside world had disappeared altogether. I never recovered from clambering over the back seat to clean the back window with my jumper. I failed on eight test requirements. The one that dispirited me most was "failure to make proper use of the steering wheel".

equatorial heat, turned to conden-

sation against the windows. By the

time we had taken two left turns

and arrived at the junction of the

loose cannon at the Sutherland Grove Test Centre, arriving in a variety of borrowed cars. The least was a bottle-green Avenger, whose gear-stick had come off in my hand during the three-point turn (failure 10 make proper use of the gears").

alf the people who take the United Kingdom driving test pass the first time, four-fifths pass by the second time. These people can have no idea of the cumulative horror of repeated failure. I failed six times, which puts me low down the list of the great driving test incompetents. Mrs Git Kaur Randhawa passed in Hayes on her forty-eighth attempt, Mrs Fannie Turner, in Little Rock Arkansas, on her 104th. But they are immortals. I am only human and six failures goes beyond the point that flesh and blood can

By my seventh test I was 21. I

had passed through various stages from the philosophical to the desperate to the resigned; and now I was on the brink of the criminal. But finally I passed on my seventh attempt. I had an extra incentive. was going to America. America is the place where dreams and cars merge. Without a licence you feel awkward when your strangely beautiful companion is shot in the foot and she looks to you to outrun the State police across the Badlands

to the Nebraska line. Since 1981 the driving test has barely changed. You now have to be able to park. This was a surprising omission in the previous test, launching generations of drivers on to the roads, like millions of Flying Dutchmen, equipped to drive to the ends of the earth, but never to rest.

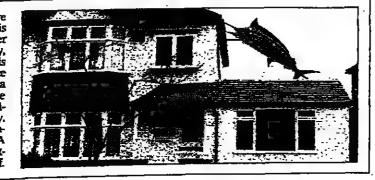
And what happened to Janet? Did she wait for me through the long driveless years? Did she hell. She passed her test and bought a Karman Ghia. The last I saw of her she was headed for the coast.

A cast of thousands bringing art to Londoners



Venus enormous: the reclining nude at Broadgate by the Colombian sculptor Fernando Botero

HOME-MADE sculptures are becoming popular. The latest is this 14ft blue marlin leaping over the roof of a house in Norbury, south London (right). This is realism with a vengeance, since the glass-fibre coating conceals a real lish, now stuffed, that the owner of the house, John Gladden, caught in Hawaii. It may, however, be moved, after com-plaints from neighbours. A similar sculptural shark sent Oxford councillors through the roof.



Witty commissioning is helping to promote a sculptural

renaissance in the capital's open spaces, writes **Derwent May**

oming out of Edgware Road Tube station in London, you 🗸 may bump into a window deaner on the pavement - and it could take a moment before you realise he is rather more than lifesize, and not going to move out of the way. He is staring up at the tower of a new shop and office block, Capital House, which has a great many rather beautiful win-dows, and he is looking very worried. The little ladder he has on his back will hardly reach the lowest window. But pathetic though his

equipment may be, he already seems, like a good workman, to be appraising the situation. his cap pushed back professionally on his head.

The Window Cleaner by Allan Sly is only one of the numerous delightful statues and sculptures that have suddenly thronged London's public spaces in the last few years - many of them. like this one, as an apt or witty part of a new

in Finsbury Avenue Square is a group of gloomy commuters in bronze trudging towards Liverpool Street station. This is Rush Hour by the American sculptor George Segal, and is part of the Broadgate development. Here, without many people realising it. London has acquired over the past four years an

unofficial sculpture park. The most spectacular work is the Broadgate Venus, a giant reclining nude by Fernando Botero, with a face like Queen Victoria and a body like a Sumo wrestler. Five tons of bronze have gone into her, and she dominates the new Exchange Square, good-humouredly reminding City workers how great the pleasures of love can be.

Facing her across the square are some strange cowled figures in black basalt, very stark at first view, that slowly declare themselves to be a family - two adults, a child and a dog - with a recognisable child's shoe offering a clue. This adds another note to the internationalism of Broadgate, for it is by the Catalan sculptor Xavier Corbero.

Broadgate Square itself contains a playful hare leaping over a bell by a young Liverpool sculptor. Barry Flanagan, and Jacques Lipchitz's Bellerophon Taming Pegasus - 2 squat figure standing firm amid a chaos of flying hooves and mane. Go into No 1 Finsbury Avenue and you will find the foyer filled by an even greater storm of energy: a wild horse rearing crazily up on gigantic hind legs and lifting its spindly forelegs into the sky, its rider reeling and stretching a hand out towards an eagle. This is Horse and Rider by one of the best British sculptors of our time, Robert Clarworthy. It is not strictly part of Broadgate, but an ornament to yet another new office development.



Handful: part of Botero's five-ton bronze Venus

what the dreary concrete spaces of the South Bank and the Barbican should have looked like.

However, there is another stretch

of the south bank of the Thames that need feel no shame. This is the area just over Tower Bridge, around the Design Museum which brings us to Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. He has been in the news lately for the sculpture of Sir Isaac Newton that he is working on for the piazza of the new British Library. This was inspired by William Blake's vision of Newton - and the objection was raised that for Blake, Newton the great measurer was the enemy, not a hero. But Paolozzi told me that he has long been fascinated by Blake's powerful painting in the Tate, and senses a swelling undercurrent of admiration in it that runs counter to Blake's expressed views on Newton. Paolozzi also did a statue of Newton for a park in Kowloon, and in 1990 a monumental head of him that lives by the river at Butler's Wharf, and was paid for by Sir Terence Conran

to adorn the Design Museum.

There is another superb recent Paolozzi in London, in High Holborn. It is set in the façade of the Royal Life Insurance offices, and represents Paolozzi himself in the

guise of Hephaestus, the blacksmith of the gods, who was some-thing of a comic figure in classical mythology: Paolozzi makes him powerful but battered, a touch of humour playing about his mighty presence. To judge from the maquettes, when we have his Newton in the British Library we shall have a great Paolozzi trilogy in London. Near the Design Museum in

Tower Bridge Plaza, there is a friendly new fountain by Antony Donaldson: it is like a copper saucepan, with naked girls sunning themselves on the rim and their sunglasses, flipflops, watches and so on

scattered - in solid metal - on the outer edge of the basin. Commemorative statues of individuals are less favoured than they used to be. Objections were even made to John Doubleday's Charlie Chaplin in Leicester Square. Some called it an insult to

spring in his cane would alone justify it, and Shakespeare must so hate his own flaccid effigy that I am sure he is de-lighted to have Chaplin for company. Charlie is now on a plinth, but I preferred it when he was on

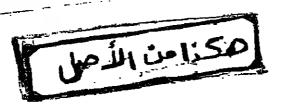
the ground.
The airmen Dowding and Bomber" Harris have worthy statues in the Strand, but a better work is Ian Walters's Fenner Brockway in Red Lion Square. This fiery little orator, stretching himself up so that his trouser-bottoms are well above his shoes, fills me with

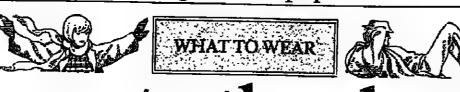
energy whenever I pass him. So sculptors are having something of a renaissance. They are not rich, earning about £20,000 for a life-size statue (more for the most famous). Out of that they must pay all the costs of casting and so on. The days have gone when a sculp-tor could spend half a lifetime on one Victorian notable.

There is one prime site not yet occupied: an empty plinth in the north-west corner of Trafalgar Square. When a Sunday paper asked its readers whom they would like to see on it five years ago, there was a majority for Dowding. But he now has his statue elsewhere. Who would Times readers like to see in this place of honour? Write to me with your suggestions.



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Slaves to the rhythm

and attitude are what street fashion is all about. It provides at once a reflection of mainstream youth culture and an inexpensive and unregulated forum for experimentation in which individuality is the ultimate goal. For designers such as Lacroix and Gaultier, it can be the inspiration for

their haute couture collections. Walking down the King's Road, it is easy to see how things have changed since the seventies. There are few shops left to explore; mass-market brand names dominate the virtually identical shop-fronts,

Camden market on a Sunday afternoon is more bustling. To the sound of loud music people throng round market stalls which sell everything from old telephones to platform shoes. Many on the street are designers, artists and musicians seeking ideas, although their favourite adjective to describe most people's get-up is

Yet another reflection of the recession? Certainly not. Music is still a main factor influencing dress sense. Acid-house sweatshirts, glow-in-the-dark T-shirts and bovver boots show that there is a strong following for both mainstream chartbusters and offbeat bands with names like The Klingonz, De-mented Are Go and The Ozric Tentacles.

This was confirmed when I bumped into Heimsey and Chirpy, from the band Londonbeat. "Fashion starts with the music," Heimsey says, adding that the term "street (ashion" does not apply to musicians. "For me, the same persona works as well on-stage

Heimsey is dressed almost entirely in stylish, black design-er clothes, adding colour with a flower-patterned scarf and risque shirt displaying a graphic illustration from the Kamasutra.

Dedication to rhythm can come in many forms. Eric, a 16-year-old raver in regulation basebali cap, baggy jeans and trainers, goes on pilgrimages to that rave Mecca of the Med. Ibiza. John, from Islington,

rban counterculture lives in colourful cowboy boots and a seventies time warp, as the name of his band - T-Rextasy — suggest

A few minutes later, a man with a goatee beard and women with vaguely sixtiesstyle hair-dos appear, their collective look marking the trio as fans of funk, acid jazz and the band Dec-lite. They look as though they might have stepped out of the pages of influential street fashion magazines such as The Face and

The phenomenon of New Age travellers and grunge, now diluted into many forms, is another harbinger of change. Matted hair, not washing. mongrel ownership and dressing down into torn, often army surplus, clothes are typical symptoms. Crusties gained notoriety last summer in the West Country, when an impromptu encampment turned into the site of a five-day music festival

hether you call it (there are many ex-public school crusties), nostalgia or a genu-ine reaction against eighties materialism, there can be no doubt that the streets do have an eclectic New Age feel to them: babies with braided hair and clothes bought at craft fairs; wardrobes from the Birmingham rag market, charity and second-hand shops; oversize jumpers knitted by grandmothers; Indian and other ethnic designs; sixtles flower-patterned Afghan-style coats with fake-fur borders; and above all, hats, ranging from soft and floppy Paddington Bear models to fedoras.

Mix most of these new ingredients together, and the cocktail you end up with is called a "glam grebo". That, at least, is how Veronique and Antonia, who are into punk and psychobillies (a cross be-tween punk and rockabilly). describe themselves.

Image is everything, they insist, sticking out a mile on the King's Road. Between them they are wearing green velvet top hat, battered army boots with ankle bells to make



their presence felt at gigs, biker jackets, dyed chestnut hair, countless piercings and a lone dreadlock. Both feel underdressed. This is more than just pose. They have even maned to source their image historically, as the Celtic band tattooed to the middle finger of their right hands shows.

An encounter with "Marilyn Monroe" a few minutes later came as something of a con-

and television with VCR.

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trast. To Norma, an actress the King's Road now looks "like colour by numbers but nobody's found the paint". Ever since the age of 11, when she saw David Bowie perform one of his androgynous concerts and compared it to the stale faces on Top of the Pops, she vowed to be different "I'm

Hollywood glam in a drab she pouts. Films such as the Rocky

Horror Picture Show and stars have always had a significant impact on street fashion. In television, the revival of The Thunderbirds, and the growing number of Trekkies (Star Trek fans) are symptomatic of the current retro craze.

With her hat bought in Greenwich Village, New York, and the rest in Camden and other markets, polychrome Sarah Sugarman states modestly: 'I am streetwear," while fiercely attacking "grunge and crusties as rich, pathetic and middle-class".

Two Finnish au pairs give their views: "It's colourful here," says one, adding "compared with home". Her friend disagrees - home is more colourful. Given that it is dark several months of the year in their town of Semajoki, I had hoped that London pop culture might have appeared brighter. Neither yet feels part of a definitive scene. Maybe once they have discovered The Klingonz they will abandon their variegated hats for the psychobilly scene.

To guidebook can fully prepare the visitor for the wonder that is Petra. Photographs depict the great Hellenic tombs and terriples carved out of the sandstone cliffs, but they fail to convey the romance and excitement of the ride on horseback down through the sheer walls of the canyon, and the subsequent climb up to the High Place, the sacrificial altar perched on top of the soaring craes that overlook one of the most astonishing landscapes on earth. The rose-red city

defies superlatives. the 57th birthday of King Hussein was celebrated with a spectacular hot-air balloon rally among the towering desert cliffs of the Wadi Rum (not. marvelled at the remains of the mighty imperial Roman city of Jeraz, before treating ourselves to a mud bath on the shore of the Dead Sea as dusk fell, and the distant lights of Jerusalem and Jericho glittered from the occupied West Bank — all in

In the first eight weeks since



Nor is Petra all that the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan has to offer. Earlier this month needless to say, part of the regular tourist itinerary). We

three days. How very different, it might be thought, from the home life of our own dear National Trust. But. with its centenary due in 1995, the decorous old charity has hitched up its skirts and plunged adventurously into foreign affairs. On the shrewd assumption that people who like inspecting old buildings and agreeable landscapes at home will be happy to do the same abroad, it has joined forces with Voyages Jules. Verne to organise tours to a number of the world's historic and scenic horspors. The tours are in line with our members' interests in art. archaeology, botany and so on," says Judy Robson, the trust's



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the scheme was launched in September there were more than 800 confirmed bookings, producing an extra income for the trust of some £70,000. War and political turmoil in

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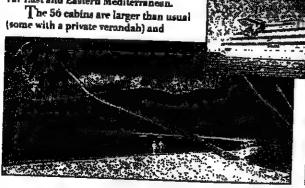
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the artefacts created two or three millennia before the hey-day of classical Greece is a reminder that, as our guide, Hani, insisted more than once, Europeans tend to be regrettably Eurocentric. mman's Roman legacy, however, pales in comparison with the splendours of Jerash, about an hour's drive north of the capi-tal, which ranks with Pompeii in its size and astonishing state

of preservation. Although it reached its zenith in the first century AD, it continued to flourish until it was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 746. Today most of the city is buried under acres of rubble. buried under acres of rubble.
But what remains is still a marvel, including a glorious theatre, the ruins of the great temples of Jupiter and Diana, the huge elliptical forum, the marble-paved central avenue flanked by columns, and the triumphal triple-arched gate-

ogy, but the largest and most intact Roman monument is

the theatre that stands at the

foot of the opposite slope across a busy downtown street.

Visitors to the Acropolis

should on no account miss the

Jordan Archaeological Muse-um, with its remarkable collec-

tion of Chalcolithic and Bronze Age pottery, much of it from Jericho, which claims to be the

oldest continuously inhabited

city on earth. The delicacy of

way built to mark the visit of the Emperor Hadrian. In the deserts of eastern and

southern Jordan life was never so opulent or so comfortable. The basalt fortress of Azraq, built by the Romans, rebuilt by the Arabs and used by T.E. Lawrence and Prince Faisal as their headquarters while planning the final assault on Damascus, speaks of a harsher. martial world. But the 8thcentury domed palace of Qasr Amra, built for the Caliphs as a hunting lodge and bath-house and lavishly decorated with frescoes, suggests that the good life was not wholly excluded.

None can hold a candle, however, to Petra. From their caves in the rocks the otherwise little-known Nabataeans created a dream world of tombs and temples, palaces and streets, gateways and aqueducts that for centuries remained a Bedouin secret, until it was rediscovered in 1812 by the Swiss traveller, Johann Burkhardt.

Miraculously the sandstone, so soft that it can be brushed away by hand, has so far survived the assaults of both man and nature. But how much longer can it continue to do so? Visitor congestion is already a serious problem at certain times, and present plans envisage the construc-tion of three new luxury hotels and the modernisation of a nearby village to provide a

further 86 guest rooms. Although some leading Jor danians are aware of the dangers of commercialisation, the attractions of foreign currency earnings from tourism may well prevail over the need for careful conservation. The best advice is to see Petra before it is too late.





SPORTING LIFE



Bowing to the invincible

John Goodbody

on the respect and discipline of judo, and its use in self-defence

udo has been Britain's most successful sport of the past six Olympic Games. It also, says the phoographer Terence Donovan. helps to keep him and "thou-sands of other ordinary people sane. If I am on location abroad for longer than a week, I get edgy. I need to have a pull-around."

The sport is highly devel-oped, a useful method of selfdefence, and above all a vigorous recreation for all ages and both sexes. For Donovan, it makes an engagingly earthy contrast to his work as a fashion photographer.
"In judo, there is no shield,

no Armani overcoat to hide behind. There is immediate physical contact. You learn about yourself when you are faced with an enormous ginger-haired bloke with every other tooth missing, salivating at the thought of pushing you straight through the mat.

Donovan practises at the Budokwai in South Kensing-ton, the oldest judo club in Europe, where many of Britain's Olympic medal winners have trained. At 56 years old, he still has the size and physical knowledge to be obstructive on the mat. He gave up the sport as a youngster, returned briefly while on National Service and restarted at the age of 40. "Judo is ferociously ener-getic. For the first six months,

the only thing I could move when I woke up was my eyelids," he says. It demands strength, stamina, speed and agility in the range of throws,

The sport was developed in Japan in the 19th century from the ancient samurai styles of jujitsu by Dr Jigoro Kano, and has been an Olympic event since 1972, largely through the energy of Charles Palmer, a vice-president of the Budokwai. The depth of ability in Japan is still greater than anywhere else in the world, but more than a hundred countries are now affiliated to the International Judo Federation.

Japanese terminology is still used throughout the world, and some people develop an interest in oriental culture and philosophy to balance the physical with mental endeavour. At one stage, Donovan considered living permananly in Japan and studying aikido. another martial art.

spite the aggression, discipline and enquette are essential to judo. "It is nice to bow to someone before trying to annihilate them. It shows a respect," Donovan says.

The kit, which is like a loosefitting suit without buttons or zips (which could catch in people's eyes), is fastened by a belt, the colour of which denotes the holder's expertise.

Donovan is a 1st dan (de-gree) black belt, which would take most athletic young adults training three times a week about three years to acquire. They would have progressed through the kyu (pupil) grades: yellow, orange, green, blue and brown. Improvement is judged in gradings, when fighting ability and technical know-



Felling our own correspondent: Terence Donovan puts John Goodbody on the mat

ledge are tested. In championships, there are weight categories, seven for men and seven for women.

The sport does not breed arrogance. Consideration and help for kyu grades, and particularly beginners, is universal. You should not try it if you cannot deal with defeat. Yet the people at the Budokwai never stop laughing," Donovan says. People learn that like gunslingers in the Wild West, the more fights you have, the sooner you are going to run up against someone who is just a bit faster than you.

The sport is a fine method of self-defence. Donovan is not alone in having found it useful. Last year, when about to start a photographic session in Rome. Donovan was sufficiently roused to lay out five muggers who attacked him. A nearby bus queue applauded.

Muscle bulk helps in open combat, but as Donovan says, he practised for years with Neil Adams, the former world lightmiddleweight champion, who was half his size. "I never moved him an inch. The principle of judo is simple. If A and B are pushing towards each other, then A reverses and so adds B's strength to his own because he is moving two forces in the same direction. Instead of resisting, he harnes-ses his opponent's strength to his own advantage."

Women can practise along-side men, and the most skilled can often upset stronger but less adept males. Elite squads, however, train separately.

The biggest growth in judo is among children, whose natural boisterousness is channelled safely into a supervised sport; armlocks and strangles are prohibited in competition for anyone below the age of 16.

The Budokwai runs 12 classes a week for children aged from five upwards. For some, it will become a lifelong fascination. Donovan enjoys "the tremendous sight of 70 children on the mat, with absolute silence at the ceremonial bow. The parents like it because of the discipline the sport

● John Goodbody is sports news. correspondent of The Times and a former member of Britain's national judo squad.

Ever since the Swiss explorer Burckhardt rediscovered Petra by chance in 1812, romantic travellers have made their way to the 'Rose Red' city. Our week long visit to Jordan includes 3 days in a comfortable hotel close to the site of Petra, the unique city of the Nabataeans, the Romans and the Crusaders. Also included is a two-night visit to the Dead Sea and visits to Amman.

This land has excited the imagination of the British since the days of Lawrence of Arabia and even before that when Victorian travellers would take many weeks to reach the site of Petra. Our week is the perfect opportunity for those who lack the time for a longer visit to the region. There will be sufficient time to explore at a relaxed pace and the convenient (light schedules allow us to make the most of our time in Jordan.

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A Few Days

Judo fact box

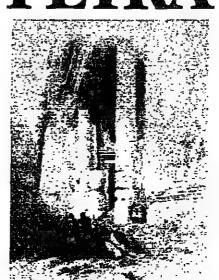
■ There are more than 900 clubs affiliated to the British Judo Association, 7s Rutland Street, Leicester LE 1 1RB (0533 559669), which will give enquirers the name of the nearest club, most of which have special minon for beginners. To compete, either to championships or to take a grading, a fighter needs an annual ficence. This costs seniors £17.50, juniors £10.

■ Equipment judo is a cheap sport. A suit (judogi) is the only real outlay and costs about £40 for an adult and £25 for a child.

■ Clubs: The Budokwai, 4 Gilston Road, South Kensington, London SW 10 (071-370 1000/2088) is the oldest and best-known club in Britain. Membership costs £35 a year, with adults paying a further £3 persession and children £2. Smaller chibs often charge less.

Championships: there are dozens of regional, junior, schools and invitation events. The British National Championships take

place at Crystal Palace next weekend (December 5 and 6), with adults on Saturday and young competitions on Sunday.



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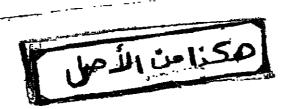
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One estate agent intends to sell only to those who share his love of eccentric properties, writes Rachel Kelly

Pavilions of odd splendour

n estate agency set up last week already has more than twice as many buy-Lers on its books as properties for sale. This is sensational news. In the past four years, about 3,000 out of 16,000 estate agent offices have closed. Thousands of agents have been sacked, and more are considering early retirement. Those agencies that are struggling on are desperate for buyers. Yet here is an agency that is thriving, nay booming, and has been started in the worst property slump ever. What is its secret?

It sells only buildings which, in the words of the agency's founder. Gwyn Headley. people want to love: follies, ruins, gatehouses. lodges. grottoes, garden buildings, palaces, stables, towers. stone circles and stone tents. "These

They are Pavilions of Splendour." Mr Headley plucked the name of his agency from one of his favourite hymns. "Oh worship the King/Allglorious above" (his father was a

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dergyman). He is convinced, with the passion of a man who is editor of Follies magazine and president of the architectural charity the Folly Fellowship, that these are buildings others love and will want to buy as much as he does.

Twenty years ago, follies were embarrassing structures falling down in the back wood," he says. "Agents blurred over them in passing, if they mentioned them at ell. Only about five years ago did they begin to appear in particulars desirable features of the

Now, follies and buildings like them are taking their place as a main attraction, argues Mr Headey. "The property world has tired of unimaginative, sale, grey conformity. People are demanding individuality and buildings that make positive statements: pavilions of splendour don't dither. These are buildings with plenty to say for

people with plenty to say. Pavilions of Splendour has been set up in answer to their demands."

Typical of the properties on Mr Headley's books are Sway Tower and Craig-y-nos. It is entirely fitting that Sway

Tower, on the outskirts of the New Forest, should be one of Mr Headley's first instructions through Pavilions of Splendour, for it inspired his love of follies and unusual buildings. As a child, he chanced upon the 13-storey tower while on holiday. The first six feet of its spiral staircase had been hacked away to deter trespassers. Standing at the

Down in the woods: Deepings Lodge is selling for a guinea

base of the building and watching the clouds whize past, the tower

seemed to sway: hence its name. Built in 1879 by Judge Peterson

to prove that concrete could be

successfully used in building, the

first four storeys of Sway tower have

since been converted into a hotel.

The 218ft high structure is on sale

for a million guineas (all Mr

Craig-y-Nos is a castle between

Brecon and Swansea, for sale for

560,000 guiness. The name

means "Rock of Night", and the

house has a three-quarter scale

replica of the State Opera House at

Bayreuth. "Perfect for Shirley

The original castle was built in

1841 as an early Victorian Gothic

château. It was considerably en-

larged by Adelina Patti, who ac-

quired the house in 1878.

Madame Parti was a renowned

operatic soprano, who was said to

Bassey." says Mr Headley.

Headley's prices are in guineas).

be the most highly paid singer of her time. Although the castle was supposed to be a quiet Weish retreat for her, no sooner had she arrived than she built a billiardroom, a music salon, a heated conservatory, a private chapel, an aviary for tropical birds and, most dramatic of all, a theatre. Hidden in a wood on the Deene

Park estate in Northamptonshire is Deepings Lodge, on sale for one guinea. It has not been lived in for 25 years, and will need about £75,000 spent on renovation.

Glass needs to be put back in its gingerbread-house windows, plus new doors and a

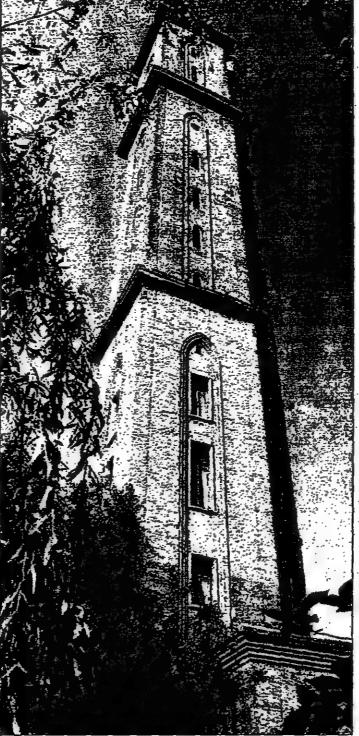
hathroom. Deep-ings owner, Ed-Brundell, mund wants potential buyers to convince treat the building with the respect it deserves, before he agrees to a 21-year lease. Mr Headley will veto unsuitable buyers. There are eight

other properties on the books. Potenbuyers are quening up to express their interest: 22 have called since Mr Headley opened his doors. He is used to such enthusiasm, "After

every talk I give on the subject of follies, and every publication. people ring up wanting to buy follies. Some of them are remarkably rude. They want to buy a folly and they want to buy one now."

Such keenness can evaporate however, when buyers discover the extent of restoration work and the complications of leases. Yolande Barnes, head of research at Savills, warns that some very unusual properties suffered most in the recession from lack of buyers. "Our property index does not measure crazy and unusual buildings, but if such buildings need a lot of work done, it is a drawback in this market, when quality counts. If the buildings are desirable and comfortable as well as unusual, then they may attract buyers more readily.

The example of the sale of four follies at Weston Park, the Earl of Bradford's estate near Shifnal in Shropshire, is instructive. Although



Sway Tower: the inspiration for Gwyn Headley's lifetime of folly

there has been enormous interest in the follies, put up for sale in May, two are still on the market, through Balfour & Cooke and Knight Frank

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Archie Hunter, from Balfour & Cooke, says that in a recession buyers are wary of the commitment needed to take on such buildings. After the romantic madness about buying a folly has died down, the terms of the sale are fairly complicated. Most follies are on an estate, or part of a bigger property, and that adds to the complication. The contracts are therefore more complicated in terms of access, mainte nance and leases. That's why it is taking a long time."

One can only hope that Mr Headley's buyers remain committed. He deserves to be rewarded. Four per cent of any profits from the agency will go to conservation charities which introduce properties to the agency. Save Britain's Heritage and other amenity societies such as the Georgian Group and the Victorian Society have a pledged their support.

Pavilions of Splendour muched on 0622 679447.

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aving completed the purhome, the next step is to get it furnished. Although you may decide to buy some furniture locally, you will probably want to take some of your belongings from your main British home.

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There is a certain amount of paperwork involved. The procedure is simple, but if it is not followed, you will have difficulties when your furniture arrives in having to pay duty and VAT, for which you are not liable.

Whether you intend to use a

removals firm, or drive a van-load of furniture yourself, you must make a request for free entry of the goods to the Customs office in the area of your holiday home. An from your local French Consulate, which will include a list of the regional Customs offices in France. You will need to provide your address in Britain; the address of

your home in France, plus a certificate of ownership from the notairs, the local public official who dealt with your property purchase; information about the condition and age of the furniture and effects you want to import; and the port of entry into France.

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original features including ex-posed stone walls, old tiled floors, open fireplaces and oak-beamed ceilings. It has a huge living room with a south-facing terrace, two bedrooms and a modernised fitted kitchen and beth.

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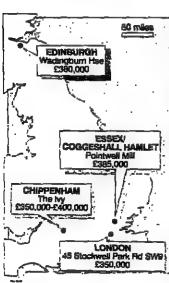
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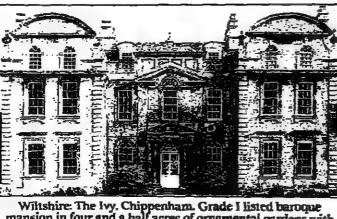
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Caroline Morse finds an 18th-century mill, Victorian houses in London and

Scotland, and a baroque mansion



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If you can't sell it, enhance it love up

esley Goring lives in a 19th-century lodge house in Putney, south-west London. Detached and in a private road, it has the character and charm of a country cottage, but also a country cottage's diminutive dimensions: two small rooms up and two down. and a galley lean-to kitchen and bathroom at the back.

Four years ago it was valued at £200,000, which was on the high side even for 1988, and was put up for sale. Ms Goring wanted some-where bigger. A fashion PR who produces clothes shows, she wanted more space to accommodate friends. But when she found little interest and no buyers, she decided to build an extension instead. She has doubled the size of the house with a mirror-image of the original

building.
"When I realised the market had fallen flat and I wouldn't even be able to upgrade myself," she says, "I decided to stay put and turn this into what I wanted. Now I'd find it very difficult to give it up."

Many other home-owners who have been unable to sell have also opted to improve. The Halifax Building Society reported last month that two-fifths of its customers had made improvements to their houses over the previous year. Despite the recession, the number of people carrying out major afterations to their properties has increased over the previous year from 37 per cent to 41 per cent.

The most common home improvements people make to properties that are 40 years old or more include putting in new kitchens and bathrooms, altering individual rooms and installing central heating. But Ms Goring has brought an original design dimension to her Victorian house. Her inspiration came during a trip to Florida. where she was impressed by the way Americans use loft space and internal balconies.

"I'd always had a fantasy of living in an old artist's studio," she says. "But I wanted this to look as though it had always been here." What she has come up with is a room 32 ft by 15 ft and two storeys high, which is now used as a sitting room with large sofas and dramatic candle sconces. For a third of its length, the room reaches right up into wooden rafters, while the rest has a ceiling at first-floor level. The new room on the first floor, a sparebedroom-cum-study, looks down through a cast-iron balcony to the space below. In contrast to the cosy rooms of the original lodge, this is an exuberant use of space

Ms Goring needed planning

With homes so hard to shift, many people opt to extend or improve them instead



Lofty stance: Lesley Goring doubled the size of her Putney house

permission, but received it within three months on the basis that she undertook to make the new building identical to the old. But there were drawbacks. "I had to move out for three months while the work was done," says Ms Goring, "and during that time the house was burgled twice. Also the workmen lived in while doing the work, and we had to repaint after they had gone. But now that it is all finished, I am delighted with it. Indeed I am itching to do the same thing some-

Ms Goring is one of many 1990s home-owners who have learnt to love their houses again. Since the property boom reached its peak in 1988, when house prices rose by 34.4 per cent in 12 months, there has been a marked shift in the way property ownership is viewed. In the past three months, house prices have fallen by 5 per cent, so selling and moving on quickly is now a

realistic option only for the fortunate.

Many home owners who bought in the 1980s intending to sell again in a few years have found themselves unable to do so. Some are having to adapt their houses to accommodate growing families. Lack of size and space turned out

to be a real problem for Claire and Paul Bell, who bought their two-bedroom west London house in 1988 when expecting their first child. Four years on, they have three children, a live in nanny, and are still squeezed into the same small house. "Our incomes have both gone up in the past four years and we could afford a bigger house." Mrs Bell says. "but we simply can't sell."

In the summer, they had workmen in to divide the large first floor bathroom in two, creating a small bathroom and small bedroom. It was enormously disruptive, but

now seems worthwhile. "We have a really efficient bathroom fitted to our taste and needs, and another bedroom. The house is likely to be easier to sell now that it has three bedrooms, but we don't expect to resp financial benefits. We have spent about £20,000 improving the house, knowing all along we will not see that money again. We have done it to make it easier to live in." They expect to market the house, which they bought for £170,000 in 1988, for no more than £140,000 in the spring.

B oth Ms Goring and the Bells have financed their alterations from income and savings. But many thousands of others borrow money from building societies and banks for home improvements. For while lenders have become more reluciant to increase mortgages for capital loan purposes (usually insisting on revaluing the property and keeping their level of equity down), they do still provide money for homeimprovement loans, often up to 100 per cent of the cost. This year the Bradford & Bingley

has lent money to 15,000 customers at rates of 10.25 per cent for loans of up to £10,000 and 9.25 per cent on bigger loans. Local branch managers decide whether or not to agree the loars, and they need to see two full estimates for the work beforehand. "There are no hard and fast rules as to what we will lend money for," says Katie Proctor of the building society, "but it is more likely to be for new kitchens than for aesthetic additions such as

Jacuzzis or saumas." Ms Goring spent £46,000 on the extension, even though the estimates were closer to £40,000. "The figure rose considerably," she says, because of extras that weren't taken into account, such as the underpinning that had to be done halfway through " According to local estate agent James d'Arcy of Kinleigh, she is, however, likely to get her money back with interest. "In most circumstances, it

doesn't make financial sense to spend money on property at the moment, with prices falling," says Mr d'Arcy. "It's fine to do it for personal reasons, but nonsense for economic ones. However, Ms Goring is the exception that proves the rule." What makes her case exceptional is that she had the ground space to build on, and with building work being relatively cheap, she may stand to double her investment when she comes to sell.

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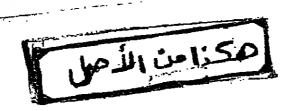
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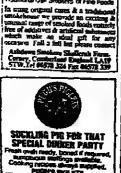
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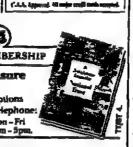
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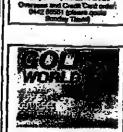
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Francesca Greenoak finds a

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lants play an important part in the medicine of the late 20th century; we simply observe and evaluate them differently from our predeces-sors. A spectrum spreading from our tolk medicine and the doctrine of signatures of the 17th century to the herbal medicines of tropical countries, studied under electron microscopes, emerged from "Plants and Medicine", a recent seminar organised by the Botanical Society of the British Isles at the Chelsea

Physic Garden, London.
It was once widely held among
European herbalists that plants with the power to heal diseases prevalent in a certain place would be found growing locally. Today, paradoxically, it is easier to fund research into exotic plants than those on our doorstep.

Yet some of the conclusions — using the whole plant for example, rather than striving to isolate a single activity principle, or employ-ing a medley of plants (shown to be effective in a ten-herb Chinese prescription for atopic eczema) — are far from new. The whole plant approach is the one traditionally followed by herbalists in Britain, as I was assured by Claire Swann, who grows many of the plants she uses in her work.

Mrs Swann's small, downwardsloping, north-facing garden in Hampstead, north London, may not look unusual to a casual visitor, but it triggered her career in herbalism. Her interest was first aroused when a Trinidadian gardener told her that thyme was a herb of good health. Investigating the claim set her off on a study of herbalism, first as an amateur and later as a professional herbalist specialising in skin care.

Mrs Swann's garden is a pleasure as well as a resource base. She gardens organically and with re-gard for plant health rather than bedding schemes, and she prefers to let plants such as feverfew, mallow and marigolds find their own best place by self-seeding.

In spring, flowering and dessert chemies fill the scene with light blossom and carpet the terrace and steps with blossom. In autumn their russet and red leaves collect knee-deep on the lower beds, where they provide a warm winter blanket



Growing health cures: Claire Swann, a herbal skin specialist, raises many of the plants she works with

Backyard tonics

for some of the less hardy herbs. Plants often regarded as weeds, such as the blue-flowered alkanet. are important to Mrs Swann. Ground by is another, both as a garden plant and a medicinal herb. Simmering about three handfuls of ground ivy for 20 minutes in a medium-sized pan makes a cleansing and healing bath essence, she says. Medical application of herbs is best left to experienced practitio-

BEST BUYS

THIS is National Tree Week, but make sure the tree you plant will not have to be cut down in a few years' time because it is too hig for your garden. For smaller gardens, consider crab apples, whitebeams or, perhaps, an apple tree on dwarfing rootstock. If you are on neutral or acid soil, a Japanese maple will thrive in a sheltered spot. Alternatively, choose a col-oured-stemmed willow or dogwood and cut them back each year for a fresh crop of stems. Barerooted trees do as well as container-grown ones and are cheaper.

ners, but there are ways in which common garden plants can be used and enjoyed without harm. Betony (Stackys officinalis), with its lipped purple flowers, is a pretty plant for an informal border (I grow it in a sink with white Herb Robert and candytuft). Three or four of its leaves make a pleasant tonic tea. which helps to alleviate headaches. Mrs Swann also recommends woodruff (Galium odoratum), an

Willowy beauty: Chermesina

attractive plant for shaded places, with pretty whorks of leaves up slender stems. When made into a weak ptisan it has the effect of cheering the spirits.

◆ The Chelsea Physic Garden, 66 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HS (071-352 5646), has arranged a series of monthly lectures on cultinary and medical plants between now and March. Mrs Claire Swann, 14 Ferncroft Avenuc, London NW3 7PH.

WEEKEND TIPS

 Look for canker on fruit trees and cut the dark brown diseased wood back to clean wood.

 Prune established blackcurrant bushes if branches are crossed and overgrown, to reshape and stimulate new growth.

● Take 3-4 in/8-10cm cuttings from periwinkle plants. Rooted in a cold frame, they should be ready to plant out in spring. Prune new growth on bush

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It will thus come as no surprise to regulars that I have for the past

few weeks been suffering as

wretched a period as any in my long columnar career. Because regulars know where my past few pieces ended up. And while I

cannot be sure where this piece is

going to end up. I fear that there is every likelihood, on recent

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itself bang opposite The Times Christmas Gift Guide.

Which will kill it stone dead.

For the guide is beyond ques-

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freebasing imponderability as to

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And when you hand him his trousers and he thanks you, and he hands you in return your tandem skydiving lesson voucher from Acorne Air Sports, what then? This could well be something of a serious blow, whether or not you were hoping for a bottle of Jack Daniels and a Des O'Connor CD; not only do you not particularly want to fall out of an aircraft on Boxing Day, what is this tandem business, do you have to provide your own partner (if so you will be spending, at a guess, a fair amount of time on the blowers, or does Acorne

provide a sidekick, a big drun), blonde, perhaps, a barmy old peer, a lonely char-show host, what kind of madman earns his living as a skydiving Siamese twin, do you really want to plummet through the clouds in his dubious embrace?

Apart from anything else, you may well have to negotiate Champagne Balloon Flights. To judge from the number of organisations offering these the past few Satur-days, the Yuletide welkin could be packed with them, their baskets lurching, their corks rifling, what chance would a skydiving novice have should a jettisoned magnum strike his ear, that is for advanced candidates only, the startled be-ginner could find himself unable to keep a grip on the luxury executive wallet containing his new Super Dooper dog-dirt dispenser, and what would his dog

do then? What indeed, had it done up till then, to encourage a loved one to think a dog-dirt dispenser was just what he wanted? Come to that, does Drivebond Engineer-ing of Porthleven really mean dispenser? What kind of executive

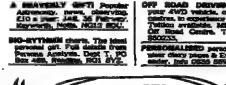
wants to dispense dog-dirt?
Possibly the kind who wears an inflatable barbecue apron, which, when blown up, provides him with a big bust and plump suspendered thighs. You can never tell with people, I find. On reflection, mind, this would seem a sensible supplementary gift for the tyro skydiver, it might usefully cushion his fall after the champagne balloonists bunged their empties at him, he could thus be fit enough to stagger home, assemble his new Vigo Fruit Press, and start squashing windfalls for his hair-growing soap cat.

Whatever that is. Hawkin & Co of Norfolk do not say. They assume you know what a soap cat that grows hair is. Personally, if someone gave me one, I should proceed with caution. I should offer it a saucer of windfall juice, watch to see if it grew any hair, and if it didn't, I'd take it back and exchange for a stress-busting hurly plate. I do not know what this is, either, but as its Colchester manufacturers recommend it as ideal for pressured executives, it can only assume it offers some kind of comfort to poor sods who discover on Boxing Day morning that their nice new dog-dirt dispenser is on the blink.

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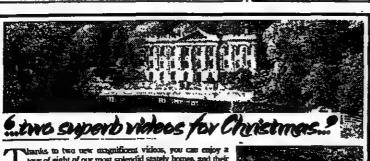
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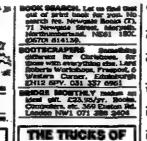
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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale reviews Hay Fever at the Albery and Jeremy Kingston on Trilby & Svengali at the Cockpit

Games of hits and **Blisses**

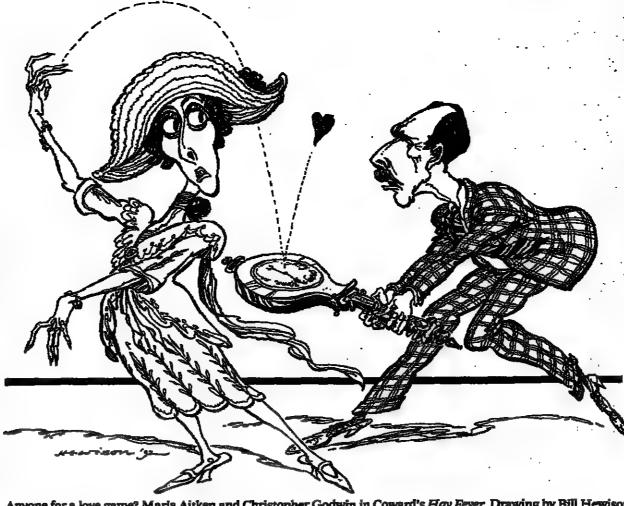
Fever is an airy or, "Hardly moves further below the surface that a paper boat," wrote Allardyce Nicoll, doyen of theatre historians, of Noël Coward's work in general, "and is ever in imminent danger of becoming a shape-less sodden mass." After all, what happens? In act one, the guests that the four members of the Bliss family have severally invited to stay get a rude welcome at their country house. In act two, they are confronted with an evening of games. Insults and baffling histrionics. And in act three, they sneak away, unnoticed by their bickering hosts.

Yet Hay Fever was the play that definitively restored Coward's faltering reputation when it was staged by the National Theatre in 1964; and not just because it made the cognoscenti laugh or, as its author claimed, was "quite extraordinarily well constructed. More likely, it was because a fine cast, led by Edith Evans, established the Blisses (note that name) as the quintessential Coward creations they are: bright, self-

ingly attractive. Their visitors find them impossible, since they regard love and every other emotion as a diversion. They are frivolous people; and yet with them, as with many Coward characters, frivolity is a gesture of defiance aimed at a conventional world.

Hay Fever spoke for the 1920s and the 1960s - but what of the 1990s? Well, in Alan Strachan's production, the emphasis has tilted, probably too much. The play seems more about embarrassed guests than outrageous hosts. Neither John Standing's David Bliss, nor Abigail Cruttenden and Nick Waring as his children, make any great impact: and even Maria Aitken, playing David's ac-tress wife Judith, seems somewhat downbeat at times.

Aitken looks wonderful, whether she is wearing a golden turban or a weird. moon-shaped gardening hat she exudes langorous assur-ance; but I kept thinking of how Edith Evans at the National, or Maggie Smith in Stratford, Ontario, must have handled their lines. "I have always dreamed of leaving the



Anyone for a love game? Maria Aitken and Christopher Godwin in Coward's Hay Fever. Drawing by Bill Hewison

ungrateful children." "If you looked beneath my surface you'd find a very wistful and weary spirit." Airken has her comically self-dramatising moments, more and more of them as the evening pro-gresses; but she still misses opportunities to put invisible inverted commas round clichés and send up platitudes, as

Curiously, the evening takes off in a scene Strachan has vastly elaborated, an afternoon tea in which the Blisses gorge themselves, licking their fingers or wiping them on the furniture, while one flummoxed visitor gets no more than a saucerless cup and another nothing at all. And from then on the main source laughter is the guests' attempts to sustain good manwith very unorthodox ones: the double-takes of Richard Gar-nett's flannelled fool when his incautious kiss is mistaken for love; the stricken looks of Christopher Godwin's blimpish diplomat, as of a dignified camel who has wandered into melodramatically misinterprets a peck the same way.

Crowe's insecure little flapper.

times tearfully to sustain her poise in a voice that sounds half like a strangulated deb. half like a teddy-bear pressed in the tummy-button. Whatever the inadequacies of those playing the Blisses, she speaks for the victims of their narcis sistic selfishness and aggressive bohemianism. And in the

Look deeply into my vice

eorge du Mannier's sensational novel, the first bestseller of modern times, gave two words to the English language. His scallywag heroine, tone-deaf yet hypnotised into becoming a sublime singer, is immortal-ised as a felt hat, but Svengali is remembered for what he actually did. "One who exerts total mental control over another," is how the dictionary pois it, adding, "usually for

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This stage version for Shared Experience (at the Cockpit, Marylebone), by David Fielder and Nancy Meckler, presents the fierce ambition of Svengali, the ego-tism and power, in an electrifying performance by Teddy Kempner, but it shows him operating in a milieu more complex than the dictionary

We do not know how the Parisians in the Latin Quarter treat him, apart from tossing a few francs into his hat when he plays his pipe in the street, but ishers studying art and low-life he is a dirty Jew.

Jew-bating is uncomfortable enough to watch when set in Shakespeare's Venice, and is particularly disquieting to see here as Ritchie Madden's Taffy pulls Svengali's long nose, knocks him to the floor and behaves more like a caricature English gentleman than a Welshman. There is more verbal and physical. abuse than I needed to understand Svengali's drive for

cal account of various kinds of obsession. On one level stands Little Billee, a mother's dream caught by Dermot Kerrigan in and her beautiful bare feet At the other extreme is

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her tongue, her glottis and the wonderful cavities behind her nose. This is one of several scenes where Kempner's amazing accent - High Mid-dle Polish it sounds like (*1 leeve mai loif in mewsic") conveys an artist's reverence for his material and its potential. The sad fact for Trilby is that she can only achieve of what she is doing.

is staged as music snapping perceptive com-ments at Tilly Blackwood's entranced Trilby. Where once she had the manners of a chesp shit, now she is a slave

Performed on a quarter-circle set of steps and door-ways, capable of representing a variety of Paris rooms, the play is beautifully lit, and tragments of song and plane music weave beneath the speeches All late Vactorian life is here, from snobbery to squalor, male dominance

Prince under a long white cloud

New Zealanders, making their fürst visit to only five days at the Demthe Kirov. But coming

try known mainly for sheep fact they left a favourable ression, aided by a version of Hamlet, created this year,

which suited them to the core. I make the point about Hamlet because in another ballet they looked less impressive. André Prokovsky and Galina Samsova's Faust Divertissement, a not unfamiliar classical showpiece which served as opener, revealed a physically attractive but technically uncertain company. Ou Lu, a guest from China's Central Ballet in the lead male role, was the exception: elegant and emphatic, with neat finishes and a very respectable

grasp of pyrotechnics.
William Southgate composed (and conducted) the score for Hamlet, having listened to thousands of pieces of medieval music for material. Yes, it does resemble a collage of records by the Early Music Consort of London, but it is always highly theatrical and

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along briskly. Taylor tells the and rugby they could have story through dance, using it been a great deal worse. In not as decorative icing, but as a deeply expressive and inventive medium. The pas de deux between Hamlet and Gertrude, for instance, manages wonderfully to convey the angry reproach as well as the love between them; just as Hamlet's first solo, with its fragmented comings and goings, becomes an effective

metaphor for his disarray. The whole company dances with conviction. Eric Languet makes a youthful and complex Hamlet, Karin Wakefield a beautiful and interesting Gertrude; Arme Anderson as Ophelia is vital and disarming; and Jon Trimmer, as Claudius, darkly forceful, yet also anxious.

Allan Lees's designs seem practical without being skimpy, presenting attractive costumes and movable stone structures that provide the setting throughout.

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Famous names but mixed success for some film and TV soundtracks

Raucous Houston taxes

ture the original soundtrack album is. Not a "proper" album and memento of the film, it is often the case, it features songs squalified from the "real" album chart and relegated instead to the statistical ghetto of the compilation charts.

befallen the soundtrack of The Bodyguard, the film starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner which goes on release in Britain on December 26. The album (Arista 07822 18699 2) is out now, featuring six new recordings by Houston along with numbers by Lisa Stansfield, Joe Cocker, Kenny G and others.

One can only hope that Houston's debut performance as an actor is not as overwrought as her singing on this disc. Her vocal technique is phenomenal, her tone so strong it verges on the raucous, but, rather like those heavy metal guitarists for whom any hint of an instrumental break is an excuse to go soaring off into the stratosphere, she lacks a self-edit facility.

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Heavy: Whitney Houston stars and sings in The Bodyguard

Woman", eventually arriving at the truly awful "Jesus Loves Me" ("for the bible tells me

After this she hands over to her supporting cast, and sud-denly the highly strung mood gives way to the warm, dulcet tones of Aaron Neville singing "Even if My Heart Would Break". The contrast could not

though it is actually Curtis Stigers who contributes the best track on the album. a cracking soul revue version of "(What's So Funny Bout) Peace, Love and Under-

Where the soundtrack can come into its own is in providing a focused outlet for some of rock's most gifted instrumen-talists. Ry Cooder, Eric Clapton and Richard Thompson are among those who have benefited in this way, but the makers of the film Frankie's House have achieved their greatest coup by tempting Jeff Beck, that most indolent of rock guitar talents, to break

Working in tandem with keyboard player Jed Leiber on the soundtrack (Epic 472494 Beck conjures cerie soundscapes of pin-sharp clarity which faithfully evoke the mood of titles like "Thailand", "Sniper", "Patrol" and "Apocalyose". The mood alternates between ghostly calm and riotous frenzy, but the most extraordinary thing about the album is the phenomenally rich drum sound, which we are asked to believe that Leiber conjured from a keyboard.

It was the soundtrack to The Celts, a 1987 BBC television series which launched Enya's remarkable career, and the album of the same name (WEA 4509-91167-2) has now been reclaimed from the archives, remastered and rereleased with new artwork and explanatory sleeve notes. Lovers of Enya's gently drifting musical mosaics will not be disappointed.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Brass and bombast

THAT man Kenton. The JAZZ RECORDS of his name still provokes fluries of impassioned essays, all arguing over his true worth. To his admirers, many of whom attended a convention in the Midlands this month, he represents the ulti-mate in orchestral sophistica-

tion — or "progressive jazz", as he preferred to call it. For many others Stan Kenson will be remembered as a bombas-Much of the evidence for both prosecution and defence.

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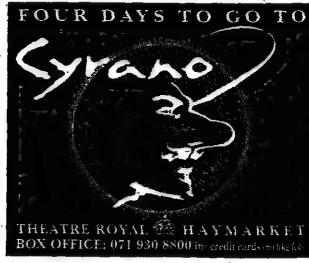
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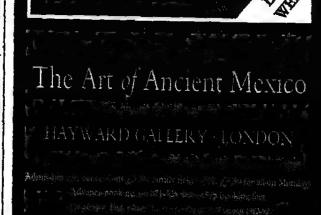
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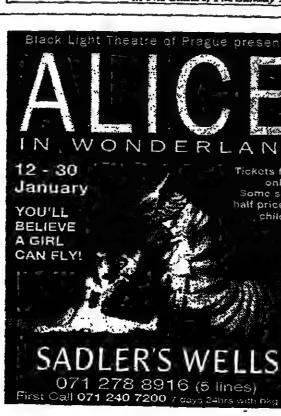




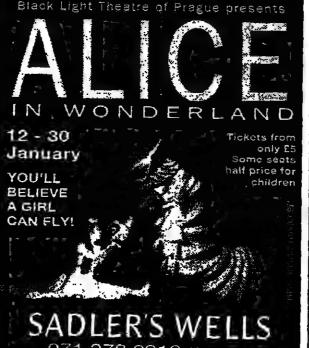


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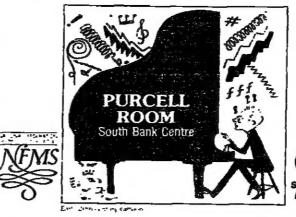
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7.30 Spider. Musical cartoon (f) (s) (8096003) 7.35 Animal World.
Nature series narrated by Derek Griffiths (s) (2199138) 7.45 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon western (r) (8024888) 7.50 Littl Bits. Adventures in the mystical forest (r) (3354770) 8.15 Chuckevision. Paul and Barry cause more mayhem (s) (5483645) 8.35 Bucky O'Hare. Animated adventures with the floppy-eared

super-hero (r) (1421119)

9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield are joined by Jason
Predington and Emma Bird of Casualty, Kristian Schmid, Melissa Bell and Kylle Minogue (s) (14972206) 12.12 Weather (3279138) 12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration); 12.20 and 12.55 Football: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker review the week's Premier League matches; 12.40, 1.10 and 1.40 Racing from Newbury: Bonusprint Gerry Feilden Hurdle Race

(12.45); Azko Long Distance Hurdle Race (1.15); Hennessy Cognec Gold Cup Handicap Chase (1.50); 1.05 News; 1.25 and 4.00 Snooker: The start of the final of the Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship from the Guild Hall, Preston; 2.00 Rugby Union: Live coverage of the Scottish Amicable international between the Barbarians and Australia from Twickenham; 3.50 Football halftimes; 4.40 Final Score (15041515)

News with Jennie Bond. Weather (8046374) 5.15 Regional and sport (2453374) Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on Saturday 5.20 Dad's Army. Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesuner star in the vintage Home Guard cornedy, Corporal Jones (Clive Dunn) is concerned when an old comrade reminisces about their time together in the

Sudan (r). (Ceetax) (2806751) Big Break, Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined in the snooker quiz by Karen Corr, Mark Johnston-Allen and Gery Wilkinson. (Ceelax) (s) (917409)

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6.20 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds welcomes Richard Digancs, the manager of Crinkley Boltom Wanderers, and Gary Lineker who earns a "Gotcha Oscar" (s) (711139)
7.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four more couples compete for the prizes on the conveyor belt. With Rosemane Ford. (Ceefax) (816515)



Taking up arms: Philip Whitchurch faces eviction (8.15pm)

8.15 Casualty. Gntty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of a city hospital. A tarmer (Philip Whitchurch) facing eviction runs arnok with a gun. (Ceefax) (a) (807596)
 9.05 News and sport with Michael Buerk. Weather (363206)
 9.25 Film: Tremors (1990). Engaging tongue-in-cheek horror starring Valentine McKee and Earl Basset. When people, animals and cars lean discovered as the inclinate trans of Partnering a sejamples.

keep disappearing in the isolated town of Perfection, a seismology neary unsuppearing in the isolated rown of Perfection, a seismology student and the local handymen decide to tackle the huge worm-like monsters that are tunneling under the desert sand. Directed by Ron Underwood. (Ceefax) (a) (41145461)

11.00 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of

this afternoon's Premier League matches (s) (242577) 12.05am Snooker. David Vine introduces action from the second session of the final of the Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship from the

Guild Hall, Preston (3296120) 1.30 Westher (8079639)

BBC2

SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

8.00 Open University: Science Preparatory Maths (4127393) 8.15 Open Advice: Something for Everyone (5405867) 8.40 Creative anagement (1419374)

9.05 Film: Fort Apache (1948, b/w)

CHOICE: John Ford's cavalry western faunches an extensive ason of Ford films being shown in conjunction with a two-part Omnibus profile starting on Tuesday. Fort Apache interestingly anticipates The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (also in the season) by exploring the interplay of fact and legend. Henry Fonda plays a martinet army commander who leads his men into a disa attack against the Apaches but has his reputation upheld by a junior officer and former adversary (John Wayne). The film has many of the familiar Ford ingredients: Monument Valley locations, favourite supporting actors including Victor McLaglen and Ward Bond, and stiming battle scenes interleaved with knockabout comedy. The weak point is the love interest, flatly handled by Shirley Temple and

her then husband John Agar (97435664) 11.10 Arthur Negus Enloys. The Georgian House in Bristol (r) (7032916) 11.25 Bird's Eye View. An aerial view of the eastern coast of Britain from Montrose to London (r) (2656480)

12.15 Film: Wagonmaster (1950, b/w). John Ford's poetic evocation of pioneer life, as Mormon settlers head for the Utah-Arizona border in the 1870s. Among the familiar Ford faces are Ben Johnson, Ward Bond and Jane Darwell (6056886)

1.35 Animation Now: The Boy and the Snowgoose (92345393) 1.50 Network East. Includes a profile of veteran Hindi actor Mehmood; and an interview with Ikram Butt (s) (73769954)

2.20 Tanhailyan. Episode six of a 13-part Pakistani drama. In Urdu with English subtitles (2617225) 3.00 Film: There Must be a Pony (1986). Elizabeth Taylor features

strongly as a former star trying to make a comeback whose luck changes when she meets a mysterious businessman (Robert Wagner). Directed by Joseph Sergent. (Ceefax) (13138)

Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights from this aftermoon's final of the Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (6497461) 5.20 Late Agein. The best of the week's The Late Show (s) (4465867) 6.05 Scrutiny. The work of the House of Commons select committees

(Ceetax) (769225). Wales: Wales in Westminster News with Jennie Bond. Sport and weather (548954)

6.50 Pole to Pole (r). (Ceefax) (915664) 7.40 Music On 2. A profile of the composer John Tavener. Sti recovering from heart surgery, his hymn "The Protecting Veil" has recently worl an award for best contemporary recording, his new opera Many of Egypt premiered in June and a new large-scale choral work was unveiled at the Chester Festival. Geoffrey Haydon's film dwells on the composer's inner life and his discovery of the Eastern Orthodox Church (s) (210916) 8.35 Have I Got News for You (r) (s) (258409)



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— Loweries in the central role of Beatle. from the 1950s features Jane Horrocks in the central role of Be the Norfolk farm lebourer's daughter who has found culture in London and returns to confront her vacuous, apathetic family, Horrocks is one of our best young actresses and apart from some uncertainties over the East Anglian accent, her Beatle does not disappoint. Indeed Horrocks's passion and vitality, and her natural screen presence, are often the saving of a piece that for much of its tength is rambling in structure and repetitive in content. But the last 15 minutes, which contain Beatle's long, rousing speech to the assembled family, are well worth waiting for. Among the supporting cast Parn Ferris, Timothy Spail and Imeida Staunton breathe life into duil characters. (Ceefex) (s) (91315886)

10.50 Film: The Mouth Agape (1974). The season of classic French films continues with director Maurice Platat's unremitting study of

terminal illness, starring Monique Melinanad as a 50-year-old woman dying of cancer. In French with English subities (5509916) 12.15am Saturday Night Live. Christopher Walken joins this week's edition of the variety-cornedy show (6701900). Ends at 12.50

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (3496652 9.25 What's Up Doc? Yvette Fisking visits the European juntor weightlifting championship in Cardiff (s) (43326480)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies, Includes previews of Of Mice and Man, Horne Alone II and Death Becomes Har (6119)

12.00 The ITV Chart Show featuring Talking Heads performing "Road to

Nowhere" (s) (38596) 1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (86239157) 1.05 I.WT News (58184867)

1.15 Highdays and Otherdays. Jenny Bristow creates some healthy, tasty meals (80244880) 1,40 The A-Team. George Peppard and his group of irregular Vietnam war veterans appear to be surrounded by his pursuer, Decker, and

his men (r) (8769751) 2.35 WCW Wrestling from America (5641799) 3.25 Dinosaurs. Prehistoric puppet show. Charlene spends all her

savings on a jacket (s) (3225041)
3.50 Beverly Hills, 90210. More tales of American taenage Angst. (Oracle) (s) (3950428) 4.40 News with Dermot Murraghen, Weather (4669645) 5.00 LWT

News (2465119) 5.05 Cartoon Time (8064770) 5.15 Gladiators. The second semi-final of the high-tech version of it's a

Knockout. (Oracle) (s) (898119) 6.15 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays Cupid to more contestants looking for romance. (Oracle) (s) (812799)



Rabbit in a stew: Bob Hoskins confronts Roger (7.15pm)

 7.15 Film: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988)
 CHOICE: A hugely successful collaboration between the Disney and Spielberg studios leatures the flesh-and-blood Bob Hoskins as an alcoholic private eye called to help a cartoon character who suspects his wife of being unfalthful. But the plot, which gradually outstays its welcome, is only the excuse for a dazzling technical display and an array of in-lokes which range over the entire history of the animated film. Technically Roger Rabbit represents the most successful blend so far of human and cartoon action, while the film is full of tongue-in-cheek quotations and references that will delight anyone brought up on Mickey Mouse, Bugs Burny and Betty Boop, in the end the special effects swamp the film but a great deal of fun is had along the way. Robert Zemeckis, recently profiled in the South Bank Show, directs. (Oracle) (s) (86509409) 9.05 Denis Norden's Trailer Cinema. An affectionate trawl through the

B-movie trailers of the fifties and staties (366374)

10.00 World Championship Boxing. Live coverage of the WBO supermiddleweight championship between Chris Eubank and Juan
Carlos Giminez from the G-Mex Centre in Manchester (677799)

10.55 News with Dermot Mumaghan. Weather (797696)

 11.15 Film: Personal Services (1987)
 CHOICE: Network television premieres are not usually screened so late in the evening but Personal Services is an easily explained exception. It is a fictionalised account of the life and work of Mrs Cynthia Payne, the south London madam whose arrest and subsequent court appearance caused so much hitarity, and contains scenes that could probably not be risked during the mid-evening peak. Having said that, this is a serious-minded film, funny and sad, which explores the hypocrisy of respectable members of society indulging in pleasures which in public they would be the first to condemn. Personal Services is written by David Laland, directed by the Monty Python stalwart Terry Jones and has a richly comic central performance by Julis Walters. (Oracle) (s) (494664) 1.10am Saturday Night Live Goes Commercial. Advertising spoofs

from the American comedy show (4675707)

2.05 The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans

(s) (5917610)
3.10 The Gig presented by Barbie Wilde (3552287)
4.15 Out of Limits. Spotsman and women test their endurance

4.30 The Hit Man and Heir. Pate Waterman and Michaela Strachen with the latest news from the club scene (s) (48613) 5.30 ITN Morning News (71610), Ends at 6.00

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10.30 Gazzattz Footbell Italia. Paul Gescoigne takes his weekly look at the Italian league (33206)

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review last week's metohes and look forward to tomorrow's main

game (f) (7461)

12.00 Sign On: At Leisure. Carolyn Edwards and Simeon Hart report on whether video recordings can help the deat to make their own television programmes. With subtitles and signing (98480)

12.30 Songs and Memoriae. Environmentalist Bibty Sangal makes a plea for a proper understanding of applications.

for a proper understanding of acological resilies (17003) 1.00 Film: The Open Window (1987) starting Barry Neikrug and Roscoe Lee Brown. An actor is robbed of his sleep and his sarify by a banding window. Directed by Rupert Waknwright (80214645) A banging window. Directed by Rupert Walnwright (80214645)

1.25 Channet 4 Racing from Newcastle, introduced by Derek Thompson: 1.35 the Heron Electrical Novices' Chase; 2.10 the Philip Comer Novices' Hurdle; 2.40 the Bellway Homes "Fighting Fifth" Hurdle; 3.10 the Dougtas Smith Memorial Handicap Chase

(97025751) 3.30 Films Picture Snetcher (1933, DW). James Cagney it electriying from as a former gangster who becomes a photographer for a scandal-sheet and uses his criminal experience to gain exclusing pictures. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (5349732) 4.55 The Dingles. Canadian animation (8524138)

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5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9642003)
6.30 Right to Reply. In the week the government published its green paper on the future of the BBC, viewer Beverly Clack analyses the implications for the corporation and asks how it could affect programmes: (Teletext) (s) (461)
7.00 Week in Politics. Labour MPs Peter Mandelson and Calum MacDonald discuss how Labour will have to change to ensure victory at the next general election; plus a look at the green paper on the BBC, the pay review for MPs, new arms-for-kap revelations and a recort from Scotland on the possible privatisation of Scotland a report from Scotland on the possible privatisation of Scotlish

8.00 The Big Buttailone. The second part of the drama of faith and fanaticism starring Brian Cox and Jane Lapotaire. The rively between Edward and Alan reaches new heights (r). (Teleted) (s)



Live moments from a world toor: the Irish band U2 (9.00pm)

9.00 Zoo TV. Featuring live footage from UZ's world tour and material from their hit album Acturing Baby (s) (7225)
10.30 Film: Camille Claudel (1988). Gérard Deparcieu stars as the sculptor Auguste Rodin, emberking on a passionate affair with his assistant. Camille (Isabelle Adjent). As the relationship talks the start own right. Directed by Bruno Nuytten (s) (30417119)
1.45am The World (r) (s) (632252)

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2.45 Film: Ten Seconde to Hell (1959, b/w). Tanse but unsubte melodrame starring Jack Palance and Jeff Chandler as German bomb disposal expens in post-war Berlin, Directed by Robert Aldrich (232392). Ende at 4.25

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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University:
Countdown to Angles
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, introduced
by Paul Guinery, Dukes
(Overture, Polyeucte: Nouvel
Orchestre Philharmonique
under Amin. Jorden): Charlotte Margiono, soprano); Dyson (Concerto leggiero: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox, with Eric Richard Hickop, with Eric Parkin, piano); Heydin (Divertimento in G, H IV 3, London Trio: Jean-Pierre Rampal and Wolfgang Schulz, futes, Gilbert Audin, bassoon); Rave! (Valses nobles et sentimentales: Jean-Yves Thibaudet, piano); Bartók (Music for strings, percussion and calesta: Ferner Liest CO.

and celesta: Ferenc Liszt CO under Janos Rolla) 9.00 New 9.05 Record Review (cont), introduced by Roderick Swanston. Building a Library: Includes reviews of Honegger's Le roi Devid by Michael Oliver; Stephen Dodgson investigates a new set of Clementi's complete including three recordings of Schubert's Die Schöne Release: Clementi (Symphony No 4 in D: Philhermonia under Francesco D'Avalos); en extract of John Warrack's

high point of Strauss's collaboration with the playwright Hugo von Hotmarnshaf. Sung in German. With Jame Hanschel, mezzo, Robert Hayward, tenor, Paul Frey, tenor, Arma Tornowa-Sintow and Jacquelyn Fugelle, sopranos, Daniel Washington, bartione, and Artthony Roden, tenor. 7.05 Music Into Art. Natalia Wheen talks to David Hockney about his designs for the opera. 7.25 Act 2. 8.35 Child of Sorrow. The correspondence between preferred verson of Die Schone Millerin; David Gutman picks the best of the reissued recordings of Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic: Hindernith (Symphonic Metamorphoses on themes of Carl Mana von Weber: New York PO under Leonard

Bernstein) 1.00 News
1.05 Boston Symphony Chamber
Players perform Poulenc
(Seatet for pieno end wind);
Bratinis (Clarinet Tifo In A
minor, Op 114); Leon Kinchner
(Piano Tho); Miczart (Piano
Cuartat in E flat, K493)
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7.20 Listeners' Letters 7.25,
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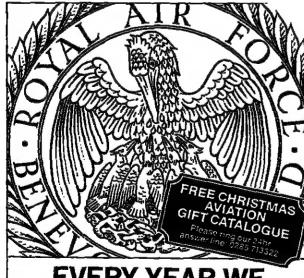
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1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Edington, Doncaster, by Denia Hiler, director-general of the Engineering Council; Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers; and MPs Marjorie Mowlam and Sir Rhodes Boyeon (f) 1.55 Shapping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Questions? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Rancile's Scandals

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Chamber Orchestra (s) (f)
11.30 Dear Diary: Simon Brett picks
diary edirects for November
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a woman in Berlin and a
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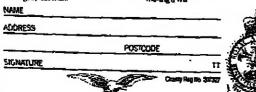
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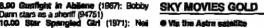
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comedy staring Michael Paint (308(3835)
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J Fox savets back to the cid West (13008)
11.00 White Palace (1990). James Spader
laks for Susan Sarandon (118957)
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as the rock star Jim Monson (57481252)
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5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffey Smith 5.55 Die Frau dhine Schatten: Live from Covent Garden's Royal Opera House. The Royal Opera House Chorus and Orchestra under Bemard Haitink perform Act 1 of Richard Strauss's fairy-tale opera, in a new production by John Cox, with designs by David Hockney. Set in the human and apin world of the mythical South Eastern Islands, the opera marked the high point of Strause's online point of Strause's

correspondence between Hotmannsthal and Richard ATRUSS. 8.55 Act 5 Strauss, 8.55 Act 5

10.15 Third Opinion, presented by Christopher Cook, including reviews of Padio 4's series Toistoy—at War and Peace, BBC2's Performance drama season, and Catholics and Sex on Channel 4

11.05 Impressions

11.00 Impressions. Brian Morton talks to the South African plantst Bheki Mesleku 12.30-12.35ant News

RADIO 4

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4.00 Natura; Age to Age:
Christopher Cook recals a charge of European procedur. phase of European monetary union more than 1,000 years ago, and Sean Street looks at previous attempts to set up a state lottery
4.30 Science Now: Peter Evens
Investigates the arguments
surrounding the human

5.00 Costing the Earth: Git Powell reports from Germany where reports from Germany where new recycling laws are threatening to bury the country under mountains of rubbish 5.25 Tea Junction 5.56 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 8.00 News and Sports Round-Up 6.25 Weath Ending (s) (r) 6.50 The Locker Room: Duncan Roy reports on gay pub culture and finds a continental-style bar in the heart of Scho 7.20 Kateldoscope: Pattl Austin is Vary Live. Steve Edwards table to the lazz and soul stroor (s)

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7.50 Classic Serial: The Master and Margarita. The final part of Mikhail Bulgakov's novel. With Daniel Massey as Woland (s)
8.50 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets Ray Cooney, writer, actor, director and producter of fance (s) (r)
9.20 Music in Mind: Brian Key presents favouring metodies (s)

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and Henry Porter
10.45 Worlds Apart: Paul Vymeris
talks about his childhood in
Lithuania to Ray Brown
11.00 Richard Balter Compares
Notes with Julian Filler and
Martha Caplin, the founder
and leader of the Orphous
Chamber Orthoetre (a) (d)

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7-30 Film: They Flew Alone (1941, b/w). Rousing biopic starring Area Neagle as fiver Army Johnson, charting her apparently perfect marriage to fellow pilot Jim Mollinson (Robert Newton). Directed by Herbert Wilcox (59518010) 9-10 News and weather (8051891) 9-15 Morning Worship: The Prom

ise of his Glory. The first of four

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10.00 See Heart Jack Ashley asks why so many expensive hearing aids end up unworn. With signing and subtities (s) (80707)
10.30 Inside English. The last in the current series gives advise on public speaking (1887610). Wates: Careering Around 10.45 Italianissimo. The fifth in a ten-part course exploring the Italian leaves and Culture (188765).

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11.00 Careering Ahead. A comparison of the training given to hotel workers in Britain and Germany (5523). Wales: See You Sunday 11.30 Mosale. Second episode in the three-part series on racial harassment. How effective are the police and local authorities at contections detailed.

protecting victims? (8252)

12.00 Advice Shop. Welfare rights magazine (10829)

12.30 Country File with John Craven (9994504). Wales: Down to Earth

12.55 Weather (78830726)

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2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceetax) (s) (81436)
3.00 Eldorado (r). (Ceetax) (s) (8829)
3.30 Film: Donovan's Reef (1963). John Wayne, Lee Marvin and Jack Warden star in this simple-minded knockabout comedy about Gurs, Boats and Doc, chums on a Pacific Island whose easygoing lifestyle is threatened by the arrival of Doc's prim Bostonian daughter (Elizabeth Allen). Directed by John Ford (228523)
5.20 The Clothes Show. Includes news of Franco Moschino's first fashion show for three years (s) (2719271)
5.45 The Borrowers. The fourth episode of the six-part children's drama following the adventures of the timy family who live under the floorboards. (Ceefax) (s) (475894)
6.15 Lifetine. Jenny Seagrove appeals on behalf of the Eating Disorders Association (s) (476900)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (579436)
6.40 Songs of Praise from the Winter Gardens on Glasgow Green. (Ceefax) (s) (737349)
7.15 Last of the Summer Wine. Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde star in Roy Clarke's meandering comedy. Clegg could be in deep water when he agrees to deliver a glant panda to Howard on behalf of his girlfriend Marina. (Ceefax) (s) (589287)
7.45 Only Prods and Horses. The oft-repeated 1988 Christmas special of John Sullivan's comedy starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst. Del meets Raquel through a dating agency. (Ceefax) (383010)
9.05 Birds of a Feather. Last in the cornedy series following the fortunes

Birds of a Feather. Last in the cornedy series following the fortunes of the prison widows from Chigwell, When Sharon needs extra cash, she expects Tracey to put her home up as collateral. (Ceefax) (s)



Capital satire: Kristin Scott Thomas, David Dukes (9.35pm)

9.38 Look at it This Way. The second episode of Justin Cartwright's quirky satirical drama about London life in the 1980s. When Simba

(Jimmy satincal crama about London line in the 1980s. When Simba (Jimmy Jewel) goes missing, Tim (David Dukes) is convinced that he is out looking for an escaped lion. With Kristin Scott Thomas and Lionel Jeffries. (Ceefax) (s) (224981)
10.30 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather (463165)
10.45 Everyman: Lost Boys. Three men discuss the influence on their lives of their fathers. One died when his son was still in his teens, another was there physically but not emotionally and the third left home. (Ceefax) (165164)
11.25 Donnie Hower MD. American correctly series shout a trenscent

11.25 Doogle Howser MD. American cornecty series about a teenage

medical genius (s) (191436)

11.50 Bellamy Rides Again: The Water Cycle. Naturalist David Bellamy explains why clean and unpolluted water is essential to all living things (r) (336287)

12.20am Tanhalyan (r) (5768295) 1.00 Weather (7057092)

VARIATIONS

1.35 Quz Night (4539) 2.05 Motorsport Special (9303856) 2.35-3.40 Someone at

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the Door (1708653) CENTRAL

GRANADA

7.00 Felix tine Cat (8050225) 7.15 Playdays (r) (4027788) 7.40 Smoggies (r) (7424900) 8.05 Teiling Teles. Philip Hawthom tells the story of Tiddalik. (Ceefax) (s) (4020436) 8.20 Orville and Cuddles (4246417) 8.25 Bitsa Recycling ideas (r) (s) (4024252) 8.45 Gentile Ben. Children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (1312417) 9.10 The Wetter, the Betterl Game show (4575417) 9.35 Thundercats (r) (9471829) 10.00 Kevin and Co (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5569368) 10.25 Bitse Peter Omnibus (r) (s) (1419928) 11.15 The O-Zone (s) (7031287)

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1.30 Shakespears — The Animated Tales: Macbeth (r) (s) (4894)

12.00 Thunderbirds. Classic puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (3962320)

12.50 The Invaders. Viritage science fiction drama (7751610)

1.40 The Staggering Stories of Ferdinand de Bargos. Surreal comedy (r) (s) (42043610)

2.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes (4436). Northern Ireland: Cruntiv Times

Country Times

2.30 Snooter. The final of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship from Preston's Guild Hall (31287)

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4.30 A Concerto for Evelyn. Percussionist Evelyn Glennie performs "Veril, Veni Erminanue" which was written for her by young Scots composer James MacMillan (2176349)
5.05 Rugby Special. Highlights from yesterday's match between the Barbanians and Australia at Twickenham (s) (8597271)
6.05 Travel Show Guildes. Southern Morocco (116981)
6.35 The Money Programme. Top stories from the world of business and finance (452146)

7.15 The Realms of the Russian Bear: The Red Deserts. Nikolai Drozdov introduces us to some of the strange creatures that inhabit the Badkhyz Nature Reserve, on the borders of Iran and Afghanistan. (Ceefax) (s) (991610)



Make or break: neurotic Jewish comic Al Lubel (8.05pm)

8.05 Furniy Business

◆ CHOICE: The Funny Business series turns to stand-up cornedy with a film from the United States about Al Lubel, a young Jewish comic in the Woody Allen tradition of self-involved neurotics. Lubel's comic in the woody Alleh tradition of self-involved neurotics, Luber's act consists of talking about himself. He boasts that this makes him different from other comedians, because they never talk about him. The programme follows Lubel as he prepares for his big chance, a six-minute slot on the Johnny Carson show. Carson can make or break an aspiring young comic so it is a tense time, not entirely beload by well-meaning advice from Lubel's formidable mum. Unfamiliarity with Lubel may reduce the interest of the programma for British viewers and on this evidence ha is hardly in the class of such performers as Bob Hope, Joan Rivers and Milton Berle, who

contribute from the sidelines (261542)

8.55 Building Sights, Europe. Richard Burdett, director of the Architecture Foundation in London, travels to the island of Capri to look at the Casa Malaparte designed by Curzio Malaparte and Adaiberto Libera (149184). Wales: The Soul of a Nation 9.05 Did You See. . ? Jeremy Pearman and guests review the week's television (s) (455523)

9.35 The Cry: The Cry of Iona. The first of a series of programmes for Advent, in which composers have been commissioned to write a short piece and select images to go with it. Leeds composer Philip Wilby is passionately involved with miners and uses large brass and woodwind forces for his music video, which is set on the Hebridean

island of lona (s) (225504)

9.55 Snooker. David Vine introduces the climax of the Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (50149629). Ends at 1.30am

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ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (2745964)

9.25 The Disney Club, Richard Ortord, Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy are joined by Craig McLachlan (s) (6720362) 10.45 Link. Issues of interest to the disabled community. (Oracle) (1877233)

11.00 Morning Worship from St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham, south London (94967)

12.00 The Human Factor. Country vicar and former boy rocker Will Mowli

12.30 Ine Hisman Factor. Country vicar and former boy recker Will Mowil talks to Peter Williams about his beliefs. (Oracle) (32097)
12.30 LWT News Weekend (44320)
1.00 News and weather (58083363) 1.10 Walden. Brian Walden asks shadow foreign secretary Jack Curringham whether Labour is "ratting on its commitment to Europe?" (5) (6915707)
2.00 Bullseye. Jim Sowen presents the date and control.

ye. Jim Bowen presents the darts and general knowledge cuiz show (1962)

2.30 The London Match. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the match between Luton and Watford from Kenilworth Road (s)

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5.05 Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County parade the beaches in search of damsels in distress. Mirch and Craig go hang-gliding and get trapped in a ravine (r) (8462078)
6.00 Animal Country with Desmond Moms and Sarah Kennedy (287)
6.30 News and weather (879233) 6.35 LWT News (878504)
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Constron and Hawkishead in the Lake District. (Oracle) (s) (722417)

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7.15 Second Thoughts starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham.
Bill returns home from Germany hoping for a romantic weekend and
Liza throws a belated farewell party. (Oracle) (s) (481455)

7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Kissing the Gunner's Daughter.
The penultimate episode in the four-part tale of murder and
suspense. As the tension mounts between detectives Wexford
(George Baker) and Burden (Christopher Ravenscroft) so does the

toeology count. (Oracle) (257610)

8.45 London's Burning The last in the present senes following the fortunes of a group of London firefighters. Blue Watch discovers an unexploded bomb. (Oracle) (520078)

9.45 News with Dermot Murraghan Weather (241542) 10.05 The New Statesman. Rik Mayall stars in the satrical comedy by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran. As the European parliament prepares to legalise marijuana, Alan B'Stard crosses the Mafia. (Oracle) (761981)



Newly-wede: Helen Mirren and Glovanni Guidelii (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: Where Angels Fear to Tread (1991)

 CHOICE: Charles Sturnidge, a television veteran of Brideshead Revisited and A Handful of Dust, directed this polished evocation of well-heeled Edwardian society from the novel by E.M. Forster. Forster has been a favourite of film-makers in recent years, with David Lean tackling A Passage to India and the Merchant-hory team sweeping up the rest. Although it misses some of the darkness of Forster and his more subtle frontes, Where Angels Fear to Tread and early the process to the process of the to Tread maintains the standard of the series. It is a carefully crafted, sumptuously photographed and exquisitely acted drama which moves between England and Tuscarry as it follows the story of the widow Lilla (Helen Mirren) whose marriage to an Italian shocks her family. Helena Bonharn-Carter, Rupert Graves and Judy Davis also teature strongly. (Oracle) (47050639) 12.40em Dangerous Lieisone. To mark World Ards Day on Tuesday, this

update on last year's documentary Aids: What do we Tell the Children? examines the collective trability of individuals and

communities to confront and deal with Aids (6627547)
1.35 Cue the Music: Queen at Wembley (s) (8620011)
2.35 Almost Grown (1566276) 3.30 Aids In Africa. An investigation which dispels much of the myth

about the origin of the deadly virus (6675932) 4.30 The TTV Chart Show (r) (s) (4364856) 5.30 ITN Morning News (93059). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (50639) 7.00 Take 5 for younger viewers (r) (4022233) 7.25 Laurel and Hardy (f) (2811320) 7.35 Little Wizards Cartoon (7429455) 8.00 Sandokan. Exploits of a pirate prince (20252) 8.30 Wish Kid Carloon (1415558) 8.55 Tintin (4243320) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (8072184) 9.30

Dennis (r) (5366436) 9.45 Filipper. Adventures of the triendly dolphin (209788)

10.15 if Wishes were Horses. In the last of the series, the gang heads out to Dude Ranch in Wyoming (r) (Teletest) (s) (224097)
10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Underwater adventures (802900)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Trials and tribulations of a close-knit.

Kansas plans family (402964)

12.45 Classic Cars There are surprises to behold behind suburbia's

12.45 Classic Cars There are surprises to behold behind suburbia's garage doors (n) (674558)
1.15 Football Italia. Live coverage of the match between Juventus and AC Milan (13107436)
3.30 Film: Union Station (1950, b/w). Crisp thiller starring William Holden as a railway police chief leading the hunt for the ladinappers of a birnd girl Directed by Rudolph Maté (62392)
5.00 Scherzo Animation set to Mahler's Seventh Symphony (8967813)
5.10 News and weather (2374813)

5.10 News and wood to the state of the s relationship between them has changed since BSkyB's agreement with the Premier League. It is quite a story with quite a cast, headed by Rupert Murdoch, Alan Sugar and the late Robert Maxwell. In the 1980s, Tottenham Hotspur diversified disastrously into non-football areas and ran up debts of £18 miltion. Enter Robert Maxwell, desperate to buy a big soocer club. Enter, too. Alan Sugar of Amstrad, determined to stop Maxwell and boost sales of his satellite dishes. Sugar achieved the first by buying Spurs. He moved towards the second by helping to push the Premier League into a deal with Murdoch's BSkyB. Football, the programme argues, will never be the same again (s) (6438610).

6.00 The Royal Collection Under Fire. Stephen Phillips presents a special programme on the aftermath of the Windsor Castle tire and the effect it may have on future conservation of the world's oreatest.

the effect it may have on future conservation of the world's greates private picture collection (829)

6.30 The Cosby Show. American family comedy show. (Teletext) (981) 7.00 Equinos: The Alpha Link. A report on a discovery in a Brish laboratory which suggests that the risks of low dose radiation have not been sufficiently appreciated. (Teletext) (2788)



Joking aside: Alan Bennett on childhood poetry (8.00pm)

 CHOICE: The enjoyably unassuming poetry series is back and with a new format. Last time Alan Bennett was the resident host and dealt with a poet a week. Now there is a different presenter each time and the programmes are thematic Bennett, as it happens, is in charge tonight and his subject is childhood, appropriately explored from the Museum of Childhood in east London. He starts with a dreadful piece of sentimentality from Charles Kingsley, included because it was recited to him by his mother. The standard rises with Heaney, Betjernan, Causley and Tony Harrison, who, like Bennett, graw up in Leeds in the 1940s. As before, much of the pleasure comes from Bennett's incidental asides, notably a crack about Auden which is well up to the standard of his GI bride joke from the previous series. (Teletext) (9368) 8.30 American Football. The featured game is the Miami Dolphins at

the New Orleans Saints (26455)

10.00 Film: The One That Got Away (1957, b/w). Lively adventure yam based on the exploits of the filer Franz von Werra (Hardy Kruger), who was the only German prisoner of war to escape back to the Fatherland Directed by Roy Baker (9349)

12.00 Film: Camila (1984). Compelling Argentinian tale of tragic love, based on the true story of an upper-class Catholic woman who runs away with a young pnest. Directed by Mana Lusa Bemberg (33740). Ends at 2.00am

(1961): Tale of iorbidden love (19720) 10.00 Bloodbrothers (1978): Drame about a family of construction workers. Starring Richard Gare (70796391). Ends at 12.10am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 7.35am Deadly Game (1986) A student builds an armed nuclear device (20840252) 9.30 A Ghoet in Morte Carlo (1990) A Barbera Cartisnd Late (91532165)

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SCREENSPORT

6 Via the Astra satellite 6.20am NFL Week in Review (5117558) 6.50 Football Bracil (50707252) 9.00 Mischroom Pro Box (69252) 11.00 Notro Dame College Football (89252) 1.00pm World Sports (7707) 3.30 Pro Kick (69320) 4.30 Sn-Day Cycling 1992/53 (16542) 5.30 Ravs (6707) 6.00 Basketball Bundesliga (69455) 8.00 FA European Reliycross 1992 (80184) 9.00 Top Match Football (83271) 11.00-12.00 FBA Bowling (69000)

11.90-12.00 PBA Bowing (60900)

LIFESTYLE

Feshion File (1875) 6.00 Self-a-Vision (1271639) 10.00 Juliebos Music Videos (6526542) 2.30-3.00am Top Five (24276) UK GOLD

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and the Magic Torch (79006200) 8.30
Dangermouse (5796891) 7.00 Lassie
(4522297) 7.30 Ow TV (4438994) 8.00
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12.00 Rembo (17813) 12.30pm Spiral Zone (38435) 1.00 White Stadow (9424078) 1.55 Pairs (4875382) 2.50 Span Span International Cusine (8359233) 3.05 Fastivals of the World (8628146) 3.30 Matter Room for Deady (2504) 4.00 American Gameshows (30891) 5.00 The New Newtywed Game (7320) 5.30

RADIO 3

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9.05 Brien Kay's Sunday berger The trumpeter plays Bach (Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen, Cantata No 51); Tunna (Danza Fantastica No

Iting (batter), arr Prokofiev (Waltz Surie); Ravel (Ballet, Ma-mere Foye); Walthustel (Plue d'étoiles), Bach (Wachet Auf. 8WV 645); Wartock (An Old Song): Alkan (March No 1, Op 40): Virgil Thomson (At the Beach), Beethovan (Symphony No 5 in C minor)

music 1.00pm News
1.05 Table Tailt's History of the
World' The Argentman chef
and concert plants! Alberto
Portugheif prepares a
tractional three-course South

1.20 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Lyell Cresswell (Ylur); Eigar (Cello Alexander Salité): Beetho (Symphony No 3 m E fiat.

3.15 Couli Quartet, with Roger Bigley, vota, performs treland (String Quarter No 1 in D

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As London except: 12.30 Gardening Time (5090320) 12.50-1.00 Anglis News (8416292) 2.00-2.30 Get Wel (1962) 5.00 Incredible Jumps and Sturts (5542) 5.30-6.00 Butteye (145)

TYNE TEES

(19165) 1.35 Quiz Night (4539837 2.05 Motorsport Special (9503956) 2.35-9.40 Film: Someone at the Door* (1708653)

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RTE 1 Starts: 19.3Sem A Vous La France (73784320) 11.00 Velje Al Espanol (28378233) 11.15 Mess (9483829) 12.00 Simply Painting (33108931) 12.25 The Story of Irish Expression (33119078) 12.85 A Simply Delicious Christmes (17300233) 1.25 A Metitar of Life and Debt (5740813) 2.20 Nature (7414016) 2.45 Etm. (premotes

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Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites

SKY MOVIES+ e Vie the Astre and Marcopolo satellites 8.00em Showcase (61287) 8.00 Wothering Heights (1970): Emily Bronté's story of tragic love (12320) 10.00 The Invasion of Johnson County (1976): Western with Bel Body (73900) 12.00 Look Who's Taillong Too (1990): Tookler Misor has a baby steer 595421 Todder Mikey has a beby sister (99542) 1,30pm Yes Virginia, There is a Sente Claus: Children's crama (90523) 2,00 Lies of the Heart (1990) A leenager

SKY NEWS

2.00 Lies of the Heart (1990) A learniger has a car accident (23436) 3.00 Tales from the Darkside, Draam Gri (3959) and The Fase Prophet (2418) 4.00 Dead Men Don't Weer Palid (1931): Steve Marin interacts with the sars (89165) 5.30 Xpossure Firm news (9829) 8.00 Grand Lancany (1988). A criminal teaches his trade to his doughter. Staming Omer Sharf and Mariu Henner (43639) Char Sharf and Mariu Henner (43639) Education of the Committee of the Com

SATELLITE

Tonight (69725) 12.00 Pages from Skyled

SKY ONE

12.40 first Little and fortune (81006829) 2.00em in Bed with Madonne (1991): The singer on her Blande Ambidon lour (54479) 4.00 Antonia Heat (1988) Police track a brutal killer (21450). Ends at 5.35 SKY MOVIES GOLD

Vis the Astra satellite
 4.15pm Booss Town (1940); Oil cirilers
 Clark Gable and Spenoer Tracy lait for the
 same gri (245455)
 5.15 42nd Street (1833); Backstage muscal starting Warner Barter (25839829)
 8.00 The French Lieutenant's Woman

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 6.30em Fishing the West (60981) 7.00 The Little League (96994) 9.00 Jack High (52523)
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FIA Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FIM only until 6.00am) 7.00 Gary Davies 9.30 Dave (se Traws 12.30pm Pick of the Pops. Top 20 charts of 1968, 1978 and 1968 2.30 Rocklins: Richard Mark 4.00 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 8.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 10.00 Gary Davies (FIM only after 12.00) 1.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons (FIM only)

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preview: Schumann (Toccata
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9.20 Sunday Play: The Art of Succes elebrate things. Linus celebrate things. Linus Roache's combative Henry Fielding telts Michael Kitchen's complecent William Hogarth in Nick Dear's play about the many faces of lust in 1730s London. Art. he says, should also insult and shock an audience with wit as sharp as a moutiful of temons. The only insult Dear himself delivers — and he does it with glorious enachronistic abendon — is inflicted on historical fact (prime minister Welpole) • CHOICE: Art should not just (prime minister Watpole satisfying Queen Caroline's sexual appetite). He does however shock and shock

again with his scatalogical language — not all of it being lemon-sharp wit (/) 11.15 Music in Our Time: Norgard at 60. Peter Paul Nash interviews the Danish interviews the Danish composer Per Norgard and introduces some recent pieces. Arhus Sinfonietta under Etgar Howarth performs Night Symphonies. Day Breaks; King, Queen and Ace 12.38-12.35am News RADIO 4

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2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Dollar Princess, by Kale Parker. Forced by her ambitious mother to many the Duke of Markorough at the Duke of Markorough at the turn of the century, Consuelo Vanderbat (Shelley Thompson) spent years at Btenheim Palace pining for the American she left behind (s) (f)

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Walking, talking living dolls

Nigella Lawson considers the screen image, fortunes

and failings of women struggling to control their destiny



IF THE BBC had wanted specifically to boost its claim as an incontestably serious provider of quality television just before the publication of the government's Green Paper, it couldn't

have done better. Last Saturday's Performance slot on BBC2 transmitted a production of Ibsen's A Doll's House, which served as a timely reminder that, despite the odd indication to the contrary, the corporation remains that much bandied-about ideal, a centre of excellence. This was more than just the drama department showing its mettle: after the fool's gold of Eldorado — and a few other misjudgments - the BBC desperately needed to come up with some real treasure.

The treasure in question, A Doll's House, was David Thacker's first work for television, but immedlately recognisable on the screen was a quality shown in his stage work: his enormously generous direction. A Doll's House has, with justification, often been greeted as an early and urgent strike for feminism, and it has often been the case that productions tell us unequivocally where our sympathies must lie. Nora is, indeed, "greatly wronged", but her stilling husband Torvald, and even the blackmailer, Krogstad, must not emerge as villains to be hissed at. Under Thacker's direction, it is the warped pattern of relationships that is unpicked: this is a depiction of real life, not a morality play. It is not social constraint alone, but also the dead weight of her collusion. that keeps Nora as a "doll-wife". Torvald fails to understand her, or even to comprehend or respect her existence as a real and other person, but the delusion he labours under, about the relationship and their life together, has to be, in a sense, a genuine delusion. The motivation for Krogstad's manipulation of Nora is understandable.

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Juliet Stevenson's Nora was a person whose every cell was cali-brated to register the response her actions engendered. Her desper-ately girlish twitterings and wild and instant changes of moods made her eventual revelation both possible and shocking.

Trevor Eve conveyed both the vulnerability and the stuffy bullishness of her husband as he changed. as swiftly, from parronising fond-ness to bullying irascibility and back again. David Calder as Krogstad, Geraldine James as Kristine and Patrick Malahide as

Claudia Schiffer, asked what items of make-up she would take to a desert island, responded to the literal challenge: 'Moisturiser'

the sepulchral Dr Rank all gave impeccable performances.

Even a hundred-odd years on. Nora's plea to bring herself up, to see what she can make of herself by herself, still has resonance for women. The possibility of financial independence hasn't quite eradicated women's doll-like roles. And, of course, it rather confuses the feminist picture when the adoption of the latter ensures the former. We are used to being told that we live in a post-feminist age. In the sixties, the feminine ideal was that of a glamorised Nora, set free from

woman, a dolly-bird in fact. But now models are powerful women. supermodels, in fact, who "won't get out of bed for less than \$10,000 a day". They are in control of their destiny, goddesses after their own image, not stuck in a doll's house but in a mansion in Bel Air or Monte Carlo. But if supermodels live free from

the rigours of the domestic conformity that kept Nora Helmer a child, those whose face is their fortune in our modern age seem as stiflingly undeveloped. Cindy Crawford, who was shown this week on Wednesday's Oprah Winfrey Show on Channel 4, chatting happily about clothes and looks and dressing up, did not seem to have escaped from the doll's house, or much to want to. But then, who wouldn't want to be paid millions of dollars for being splashed over magazine covers?

The particular trap she seemed caught in is the American celebrity trap. You have to be special - "the most beautiful woman in the world who has snagged the most eloosive bachelor", as the estimable Winfrey put it - but you have to show that you're a nice, regular girl really: special but the same. So Cindy C happily admitted to having the odd "zit", to distinguishing sensibly between "Cindy Crawford the supermodel" and "Cindy Crawford the girl" — in other words. between the product and the person - and intently told a not entirely enrap-tured audience how they could

each look as great as her.

Even Winfrey, who has a supreme capacity for injecting banality with heartlet urgency, began to flag after 20 minutes of questioning Cindy on her wardrobe. Sometimes I want to make a statement," Cindy said, by way of describing the significance of a sternum-revealing red frock. Such a statement deserved further comment: "That is an inneresting dress!" came back Winfrey with rather more vigour than was entirely convincing. "This one" - and imagine now a bit of black and



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Friend or foe in post-feminism? Supermodels Claudia Schiffer and Cindy Crawford, and Sister Wendy Beckett, the real beauty expert

vhite bandaging - "I wore to the Emmys. It's different because I didn't want to wear beading." Grateful for the exegesis, Winfrey gave a sharp intake of breath in sympathy: "I know! Bead, bead, bead, bead! You know you're absolutely right. Aren't you" - and a sullen audience remained silent despite such fevered prodding -just bored with beads every-

Such is Miss Crawford's celebrity as a model that she has moved into the realm of myth: she is somehow too famous to be seen doing it. The Vogue covers can be flashed up, but when it comes to demonstrating the supermodel wardrobe, other lesser-hired bodies have to strut their stuff. Miss Crawford sits with her big hair and little skirt providing her sartorial footnotes.

"You know," Winfrey says be-guilingly, desperately, to her "spe-

cial guest", as patronising as any of Torvald's cajoling, "we just love your Pepsi commercial. You are so great in it." There's something so depressing about thinking someone's performance, drinking a fizzy drink in a TV commercial, is a laudatory artistic achievement. Worse: to know that the person receiving such double-edged praise will take it as a compliment.

nother walking, talking, living doll, in the form of Claudia Schiffer, graced our screens this week. On Thursday's This Morning, on ITV, she granted an interview to the make-up artist Charlie Green which, as an act of courtesy to the viewers, ran for only a few minutes. The privilege of my profession manages to procure, for me, the full tape: you have to take the rough with the smooth in this job.

One of the myths of the modern modelling business is that the models are celebrities-in-themselves. Fradlein Schiffer's performance showed her for what she was: an advertisement incarnate for the company which pays her. At every conceivable moment she seemed to be telling us how great her cosmetic firm was, how she trusted its products, and she expetiated woodenly on her joy at forming an even closer relationship with it and them.

She had cultural difficulties with some of the questions. Asked what items of make-up she would take to a desert island, she responded to the literal challenge. "Moisturiser," she said, on reflection: "And it's an ecological range." It would be.

Sister Wendy Beckett might not and Claudia in the looks department, but she could teach them a thing or two about beauty. Sister HUP WI IS IN E. CHIEF Wendy, who has fived more or less as a bermit in a caravan in the BBC series gone out into the world. to share her joy", with us. This sounds both twee and cloying, but store in the second ten-minute pro-

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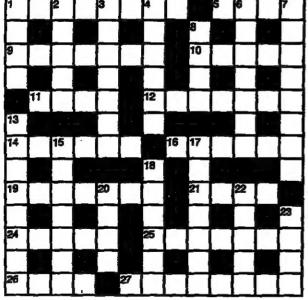
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WINNING MOYE

By RAYMOND KNEENE, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Sridhar - Prasad. Palani 1992. Black has just advanced his queen to the h4-square, when white's only defence against the threatened mate on h2 was to advance his h-pawn to h3. How did black now finish of? Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thurs-day next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed in The Times on the following Saturday. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rh8-. The winners are:



1 Unemployment benefit (4) Nearby pub (5) Ivy, periwinkle (7)

7 Electric current strength

6 By name (7)

8 Long spell (4)

13 Marvellous (8)

18 Improve on (6)

20 Irish pound (4)

15 Rescue (7)

17 Lie (7)

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By PHILIP HOWARD

NEWEL a. A first-year student at Yale b. A staircase post c. Himalayan mountain goat PRETERITE a. To make excused

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COLOPHON a. Symbol of fruitfulness b. Symbol for "and" c. Publisher's symbol

MADRILENIAN 2. Resident of Madrid b. A repentant loose woman c. An unrepetentant loose

● Everyman — Lost Boys Sunday, BBC1, 10.45pm Since Iron John proclaimed manhood's

new pride on our screens last year, producers seem to have been eager to find any new interior view of the state of has three men describing the relation-ship between father and son from the point of view of sons whose fathers were physically or emotionally absent during the formative years of their lives, when a supportive paternal model would have been most useful.

First Tuesday: Brezhnev's Daughter Tuesday, ITV, 10.50pm

With Svetlana Stalin now living in a home in West London, the spotlight is nurned on the daughter of the last thoroughbred of the Bolshevik line. The excellent Olivia O'Leary interviews 63-

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year-old Galina Brezhnev, whose decadent ways - three marriages and a taste for those items not available even at the with the regime of her father Leonid. Now stripped of privilege and prestige, she talks for the first time about the old days and her view of the new Russia.

● Film '92: Meryl Streep Monday, BBC1, 10.50pm

Terry Wogan might get the odd Madon-na interview and Jonathan Ross the occasional five minutes with some rising or falling star, but over the years Barry Norman has consistently been gramed more important Hollywood interviews and at greater length than anyone else on the box. Tonight's, like most of them it

must be admitted, is tied in with the promotion of a movie, but nonetheless it is likely to be as objective a job as Hollywood's publicity machine will allow.

· Horizon: The Truth About Sex

Hardly a week goes by nowadays without another survey proclaiming the who, how, why, where and when of the average Briton's sex life. Latest is the grandly titled National Sex Survey, claimed to be the largest study of human sexual behaviour. In revealing the results, Horizon looks at the science of sexology, interviews the pioneering Produoses Masters and Johnson, and asks, I very much hope, how it's possible to get accurate survey results on the one subject about which most people



TM GUILTY of watchir Coronation Street, Brook side and EastEnders, and I rubbish so I can wind down. It's normality as opposed to the complete hype of the modelling world. It's fashionable to watch EastEnders and Brookside, but as for Coronation Street ... For people of my parents' generation, it wasn't the done thing, and when my father found out he was horrified. Ever since he has done his

Three-minute art form

re adverts art? Is Elvis A dead? Give or take the rabid opinions of the odd deluded, sideburn-bur-dened fanatic. Elvis remains resolutely and rigidly deceased, and adverts are not art. Watching six repressed housewives witter on about the brilliantine sheen of their whiteswash isn't on a par with wan-dering around the National Gallery, and gaping goopily at the odd 20st picture you recognise from Athena postcards. However, ads are entertain-

ment; they pass the time be-tween one slab of Poirot and the next, and provide ample opportunity to shove a Treacle Toffee Pudding in the micro-wave for later. The "Cresture Comforts" electricity cam-paign (known as "the ones with all the Plasticine animals in wot I want" to those under the age of six. and me) is worth nipping back from the kitchen for; just as any advert for cars (particularly saloons, I've noticed) is worth emigrating to an inhospitable part of Wales

But for those who have a troublesome amount of time on their hands, there is the little-known art of ad-spotting-keeping your eyes peeled and your video permanently on Rec/Pause for the rare ones. the little-known, little-shown classic ads of our time.

Many's the occasion when I've been grouting my toe-nails, or tussling with a chicken particularly reluctant to be stuffed, when the phone has rung, and one of my adspotter friends has bellowed: "Rap-Tou. Channel Four! Now!" and slammed the phone down. Possibly the Rap-Too campaign has been confined to the Midlands only - people in London don't

seem to have heard of ir - but

for all those who have never



Joy of Plasticine: the lugubrious "Creature Comforts"

Caitlin Moran on television ads worth phoning home about

seen it, let me share the wonders of Rap-Tou, a kind of hand oneratored food-DIOCESSOI.

The Rap-Tou ads are five-minutemasterpieces of lo-fi filmic ambition. The director quite obviously wanted to be Richard Attenborough: he wanted spectacle and glamour and a cast of

thousands. What he got was

three camera angles of Rap-

Tou and a pair of disembod-

ied hands showing us how

Rap-Tou "peels, chops, grates and slices" and the benefits of

a little thing that looks like an

industrial-strength garlic-crusher, the Rap-Tou II, The

Rap-Tou II was an exceeding-

ly useful thing (strike me down

if I'm lying). You could place a

whole, unpeeled hard-boiled

egg in one end, press a little

lever, and have a mess of squidgy egg-mush in one



shattered egg-shell in the other. As they said, often many times in the space of one ad, "Just every home should have a Rap-Tou. Should I ever

bowl, and a pile of

meet Mr Right, or even Mr Vaguely-OK, he too would have to wish ferthat our offspring should resemble the Pilsbury Dough Boy (or PBD, as he is affectionately referred to in our house). Possibly the catest thing to be fashioned from dough, PBD roams around his cosy kitchen with wee currenty eyes and pudgy

ble a giggly Ian Histop. The only problem with having PBD-like offspring would be resisting the urge to roll them out, butter them and cat them. Much has been made of the

checks that make him resem-

through the Gold Blend campaigns, and of course making coffee is an intently erotic experience the tentative sniffing of the milk; the rinsing of two cups under the cold tap, and chipping the crusted yuck off the rim with your fingernail: trying and failing to locate the only teaspoon, and stirring with a fork, or the handle of a breadknife.

I here are a lot of doubles entendres to be had in the whole I'll-makeyou a coffee business: the breathy "kettle's knackered, I'll make it from the hot-tap"; the libidinous "I'll just shove it on a saucer; catch the spills"; and the ragingly hormonal "I've got a half-finished packet of Bourbons in the back of the breadbin; they're a bit stale but I could stick them under the grill for a few minutes or something".

And so on to the strange tale of the Tango ads: you know the ones, with the Pee-Wee Herman lookalike shouting TANGO" at absently staring commuters: or the one with the benign Bernard Manning lookalike wearing nowt but a nestowel and a gross-ton of orange body-paint. The latter was banned as being "Too dangerous, as kids might take it seriously". Huh? People take the ads seriously? The proposition of talking yoghurts and thousands of scruffy dogs speaking about toothpaste with the displaced voice of Griff Rhys Jones doesn't seem to have freaked anyone out too badly. I've not seen anyone hanging around Brit-ish Rail stations and asking morose conductors: "Where's my lovely melty shoes that turn into slippers like in the adverts?

You have to wonder. You



utmost to ring meup right in the middle of it."

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